A meeting of the Ladies of Christ Church was called on November 19th, 1912, to form an organization to be known as The Ladies Parish Aid Association of Christ Church. Before considering the draft of a Constitution and By-Laws, submitted by the committee, Mrs. H. B. Gill, a preliminary conference and discussion took place with Miss Platt and Mrs. Wagner, ladies interested in the Luncheon room for working girls at 1106 Seward Ave. This conference was the outcome of a meeting held a short time before at Miss Cole's House with the members of a committee appointed by the rector to look into the matter of starting a Noon-day Rest in the Neighborhood House.

Mrs. Wagner and Miss Platt expressed themselves as willing to co-operate with us in providing a lunch room there and running it at their own expense for one year, providing the plant were put in order. They believe they could run it cheaper than we; but should expect our committee to provide dishes, flat silver

and an iron run by gas. Tables also might be required. The work of these ladies has heretofore been carried on as part of the work of the State Federation of Working Women; but in co-operating with the committee of Christ Church they would reach many former customers now working in this neighborhood. They proposed that a board of ten be formed, one of which will come once in every two weeks to act as cashier. A good luncheon is now served in the Girard Ave. house for twenty cents.

Mrs. Donaldson suggested that it should not be made compulsory for the girls to buy the whole luncheon and Mrs. Wagner agreed to furnish something hot for a very small price. December ninth was suggested as the opening day, if it could be arranged, though Mrs. Wagner felt it would be more convenient in some ways to wait until the first of the year. It was thought that twenty-five girls of the neighborhood might be gotten together for the opening; and a suggestion was made that a special luncheon be prepared for the

occasion. Dr. Washburn suggested that the Publicity Bureau would publish a little paragraph in eight of the papers stating the object of the opening and just what the ladies were prepared to furnish for luncheon. Each girl might bring a guest. Thanks were due Mrs. Donaldson for her work on the committee.

Miss. Platt and Mrs. Wagner then leaving, the sixteen women present considered the adoption of a Constitution and by-laws. After some discussion, chiefly on the subject of whether or not it was advisable to have dues, Mrs. Donaldson made a motion that the Constitution in the form submitted below, be adopted. This was carried. No action was taken on the By-laws.

The Constitution.

Motto:- "As we have therefore opportunity. let us do good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of faith."

Article I (Name).
The name of this Society shall be the Parish Aid Association of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Article II (Object.)
The object of this society shall be to supervise and assist in carrying on and developing all agencies for Christian service already started in the Neighborhood House, as well as those which may in future be developed, and to raise money when necessary to carry on the same. It shall form committees to report at its regular meetings upon the work being carried on, shall hear reports from the heads of the societies at work in the Neighborhood House, have the care and furnishing of the building under supervision, and shall co-operate with the rector along such lines of work, both in the church and the Neighborhood House, as he may suggest or approve.

Article III. Membership.

All women interested in the work of the Parish and willing to consecrate some portion of their time and energy to furthering its interests, are eligible for membership.

Article IV. Officers.

Section I. The officers of the society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and a Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Section II. The president shall be the rector ex officio. All other officers shall be elected by ballot for one year and shall serve until the expiration of that time or until others are elected to succeed them.

Section III. The election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting and a majority shall be necessary for an election

Article V. Executive Board.

There shall be an executive committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, the secretaries and two members to be appointed by the President to formulate plans of work for the Society, such plans to be subjected to the approval of the members at the next regular meeting. This board shall have power to act in all cases of emergency.

Article VI. Meetings.

The annual meeting shall be held the second Tuesday in April. The regular monthly meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month from October to May. Special meetings may be called by the President, or upon the request of any three members of the Society.

This ~~constitution~~ and by-laws have never been used and, though adopted, have gone by default in all meetings of the Parish Aid.

R. E. Gell
Secretary

On motion of Mrs. Donnelson, seconded by Mrs. Childs, it was decided to have membership dues of one dollar.
The Rector appointed Miss Coles, chairman of the Committee on the Noonday Rest. This Committee now consists of five members, who may add to their numbers as they see fit.
Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Bradford, Miss Cushman, Mrs. Washburn (?) and Miss Wharton were appointed to serve on the house committee.
The rector urged the equipment of the house and the finishing of at least two rooms in the near future. This would cost about $600 apiece. Our aim should be to make the house self-supporting.
The following appointments were made:

Vice President, - Mrs. Coles.
Corresponding Sec'y. - Miss Meredith.
Recording " - Mrs. H. B. Gill.
Treasurer — Mrs. John E. Creth.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill.
Secretary.

January 14, 1913

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Parish Aid Association was held on January fourteenth and was presided over by Dr. Washburn.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the Constitution as read was formally adopted by unanimous vote.

Those present were, Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. Croth, Mrs. Weissgerber, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Smith, Miss Smith and Mrs. Gill.

The treasurer reported the total receipts to date eighteen dollars.

The secretary was authorized to draw up by-laws for adoption at the next meeting.

Mrs. Coles reported that seventy-eight had been present at the noon-day lunch in the Neighborhood House, which was just eight days after opening day. This attendance was most encouraging, but Mrs. Coles thought the half hour after luncheon rather an awkward time for the girls and suggested that the piano be opened and if possible music and singing be furnished for their entertainment.

Mrs. Wagner would like to have a cot or lounge, a screen, kitchen clock, toweling and soap. A side entrance should also be provided.

The girls would appreciate flowers on the tables.
In the absence of Mrs. Donaldson, no report as to the receipts and expenditures of the committee could be given; but Dr. Washburn stated that there had been a very generous response to the appeal for funds to start this important work. It was hoped that Mrs. Donaldson would consent to do the buying, paying of bills, etc.
The rector stated that the next most important thing was the formation of a committee which should have the house-keeping of the Neighborhood House in its special care, [inserted above and below the line: as Miss Wharton, Mrs. Cushman and Mrs. Childs who were appointed last month were unable to serve.] It was very essential to have a care-taker placed in charge, as Mr. Head is really sexton of the church and ought not to be expected to have both buildings under his supervision. A responsible man who would live in or near the Neighborhood House is very much needed without delay.
Dr. Washburn stated that there was no fund he could draw upon to pay the salary of such a person and it must be the immediate work of the Parish Aid to raise money for this purpose. The contingent fund which might be used to pay a janitor was very

low; and while it must be remembered that money for other purposes had come in in surprising ways, and rooms were being finished through the generosity of Miss Morris and others, still the outlook for supplying this very pressing need was discouraging unless something could be done to raise money at once.

Plans for entertainments to be given (for this purpose) in the near future were discussed and Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Crath, Mrs. Washburn and Mrs. Gill volunteered to raise ten dollars apiece before the next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned until February 11th.

R. E. Gill,
Secretary.

By-Laws.

Article I. Duties of Officers.

Sec. I. The Pastor shall act as president of the society, shall preside at all meetings, appoint committees and shall be a member ex officio of the same.

Sec. II. The Vice-President shall preside at the meetings of the society in the absence of the president and shall perform all his duties.

Sec. III In the absence of both President and Vice-President, the Recording Secretary shall preside.

Sec. IV. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Society and shall keep a correct account of all moneys received and expended and report to the Society at the stated meetings. She shall draw cheques only by order of the society with the approval of the President. She shall make an annual report of receipts and expenditures which shall be examined and certified to by a committee appointed by the chairman at the annual meeting.

Sec. V. The recording secretary shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of each meeting and shall present an annual report of the work of the association.

Article II. Nominating Committee.

The nominating committee shall prepare a ticket to be presented at the annual meeting, consisting of two names to be voted upon for each office. The one having the greater number of votes shall be elected.

Article III.

The nominating committee shall consist of three members and shall be appointed by the president at the meeting preceding the annual meeting.

Article IV. Dues.

The dues of this Association shall be one dollar a year.

Article V. Order of business.

The order of business at meetings of this Association shall be as follows:

Calling the roll.

Reading minutes of previous meeting.

Treasurer's Report.

Reports of Committees.

Unfinished business.

New business.

Article VI. Quorum.

members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VII.

The Constitution and By-Laws of this Association may be altered, amended or repealed by a two thirds vote of the members present at any meeting, provided that not less than thirty days notice of the change proposed shall have been given.

The February meeting of the parish aid was small and not much business was transacted. The rector presided and those in attendance were Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. Creth, Mrs. Outerson and Mrs. Gill. The minutes were read and approved; no action was taken on the by-laws.

Mrs. Donaldson regretted her inability to be present to report on the lunch room work, but stated that there was a balance on hand to date Feb. tenth of $28.00

The rector presented the financial needs of the neighborhood House; he also spoke of the splendid encouragement he had received from various persons in finishing and equipping it for its activities. Mr. Stokes and Mrs. Morris had given $300 and $350 respectively and the mother's meeting had contributed $100 towards finishing the rooms. Dr. Washburn had found they could be completed at a smaller cost than he had expected - $552.75. It would probably cost $36.50 to finish the hall, so that there would remain out of this total gift of $750 some $59 or $60 still to be expended and this sum should of course be used to finish the rooms for which it was given. Permanent doors and fixtures were to be provided for the building and the Sunday School room was to be completed; this would probably cost about one hun-

dred dollars. Miss Cushman had kindly offer-ed to give some fixtures for electric lights, and the boys club had donated $75 towards the building.

The accounting warden had reported a deficit of $1470 in the running expenses of the church; this however included the interest $998 of this on the mortgage of $15000 on the Neighborhood House; and when this amount was deducted from the total it did not leave a large balance to be accounted for ($472) Offers of a very generous nature had been made to the rector to help pay off this mortgage; if we could raise $7000 by individual effort we would receive the balance of $8000. Could it not be our aim next year to provide for the existing work carried on in the Neighborhood House in such a way that we would not incur debt?

It was decided by vote of those present to change the day of meeting from Tuesday until Wednesday, right after the close of the morning service. It was thought this day would be more convenient and that it might result in a larger attendance, as some members have a stated engagement on Tuesday. The secretary was later authorized by the rector to

send out notices for a meeting on March fifth without waiting to give the notice which would have been necessary to change the date fixed by the Constitution had the by-Laws been ratified.
It was voted that the secretary ask on the notice cards for the amount of the dues; it was felt that many might contribute one dollar even if they did not care to become active members of the Parish Aid.
It was moved and carried that five (5) members should constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Appeal was made for materials for the Girls Friendly of the Section Sewing.
The meeting then adjourned.
R. E. Gill,
Secretary.

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Lunch Room

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Daily Average. 80. Receipts 3...

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Daily Average. 117. Receipts ...

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Report for Neighbourhood House
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Jan. Number of Customers 1712
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Daily Average 117 Receipts 508.35

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Fifteen were present at the March meeting of the Parish Aid of Christ Church. The rector presided. The minutes were read and with one slight amendment approved. The balance of $472 given in the minutes of February includes the sum of $260 for keeping up the burial ground, so the total amount does not represent a deficit in actual Church expenses

Mrs Geerts reported $77 in the treasury.

Mrs. Donaldson stated that there was a balance of $19.41 to the lunch-room account. There was an outstanding bill of $5.00 to be paid from this to Strawbridge and Clothier and another bill for dishes which probably Mrs. Wagner would settle. It seems that the lunch-room was already running at a profit, the attendance had been so large and it was Mrs. Wagner's idea to defray some part of the expenses from the profits.

Mrs. Wagner addressed the meeting and expressed the need for a washing machine. It would take up very little space and was designed to take the place of the present sink. She would like to have the U. G. I. attach a separate meter on the gas range and the lunch room committee

would pay some of the cost of the gas used. They might defray some of the cost for new dishes bought; the plant asked for originally was designed to provide for seventy people daily and was entirely inadequate for the present large numbers. New dishes, etc. had had to be bought and there was always some wear and tear on such things. In January, the opening month, the average attendance had been 112, receipts $318 or an average of eighteen and one half cent a meal. The total number in February in attendance was $2693 or an average of 117. The receipts for this month were $508.18 or an average of 18 3/4 cents per meal. The expenses for February were $21.60 less than receipts; to date there is a profit of $13.45 to the good. This includes not merely food and wages, but all expenses lumped under the name of house expenses.

Comparison with the cost of food at the lunch room run by the Centes Publishing Company shows that we are giving our girls for a cost of twenty cents what they are charged twenty-eight for per meal at the former place.

It was suggested that the Historical Society might be asked if they would consider each member

paying a small sum towards defraying the debt incurred for re-paving Christ Church burying ground ($265) on the ground of its historical interest.

Dr. Washburn reported that twenty-five dollars was due for salary advanced the returning assistant janitor. A new one had been engaged who was to receive about the same amount per month.

Janitor - -

On motion the treasurer was authorized to pay this salary weekly; also to re-imburse Dr. Washburn the sum of $25.

Two tables had been purchased for the lunch room: one had been donated by Mrs. Peterson and on the other there was a small balance due Dr. Washburn of $2.50. This was ordered paid.

The rector reported that electric light fixtures had been kindly donated by Miss Creshman and placed in the north end of the building. Mrs. Morris's gift would cover the expense of similar fixtures for the Paul Room.

A donation of one hundred dollars had come unsolicited for debt on the Neighborhood House, also thirty dollars to be used for equip-

ment. This might go toward the expense of a washing machine. The committee on the linen room was authorized to look into the cost of such a machine, with power to act. An old book-case would be very acceptable for use in storing food there.

The meeting then adjourned until April second.

R. E. Gibb,
Secretary.

There was no regular April meeting of the Ladies' Parish Aid of Christ Church, as the meeting resolved itself into a discussion of ways and means by the working committee present of plans for the musicale and garden party to be given May 15th at St. Martins to raise funds for carrying on the work of the Neighborhood House for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Donaldson reported at this meeting on the work of the lunch room and stated that she would like to see the lunch basket distribution started in the autumn as the lunch room was not reaching many of the poorest class of girls in shops and factories for whom it was originally designed.

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The May meeting reported on the very successful outcome of the musicale given at Kreisheim. $1362.30 ~~$1205~~ was the total amount raised by the sale of tickets. The bills amounted to 96.60, leaving a balance of 1265.70

It was voted to give Dr. Washburne $.127 to carry on work in the Neighborhood House, and to pay the salary of the assistant janitor.

R. E. Gill
Secretary.

The first meeting for the autumn of the Aid Association of Grace Church was postponed until Monday, October twentieth. The rector presided. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. The balance in the treasury on hand to date is $1101.69.

Dr. Washburn reported that, Mrs. Wagner having about completed her year of experiment in carrying on the lunch room, had made such a success of it that she was desirous of enlarging the plant in some way in order to accommodate the increased number of patrons; for the immediate present she would like to relieve the congestion on the one main room, by moving the hot table into a corner of the adjoining room and thus getting space for an additional stove. In the future, we should have to decide upon some plan of enlargement and therefore increased efficiency if the lunch room is to carried on. The difficulty is that the present building was not designed for any such purpose and increased quarters for the lunch-room must not seriously hamper the distinctively parish purposes for which the Neighborhood

House was intruded. The rector felt that the way to really solve the problem would be for us to take the house nearby which the Church owns, at present used for a ware-house and move the lunch-room permanently there. It could also be used as a noon-day rest for the working girls, have janitor's rooms, etc.

Some discussion followed. Opinion was unanimous that the lunch-room should be continued but it was felt that for the present, at least, putting the house in question into repair and fitting it up would be a very expensive proposition and it would be best to make some temporary arrangement with Mrs. Wagner.

Mrs. Gill was asked to confer with Mrs. Wagner and the Chairman of the lunch-room committee, Mrs. Donaldson, with a view to seeing what could be done to relieve the crowding and also not hamper those using the rooms for other purposes. It was recommended that the cleaning of the cellar of boxes and the question of the disposal of garbage be looked into.

The rector then spoke of his desire to have an informal parish meeting in the near future, not only for the purpose of bringing the people together, but also as a reception to the new assistant Mr. Wetherill.

Plans were discussed and the meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill, Secretary.

The November meeting of the Parish Aid was held in the Neighborhood house on the second Wednesday of the month. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. The balance on hand in the treasury was $1123.89

The rector opened the meeting by ~~giving~~ making a report on the parish meeting held October thirty-first; from two hundred and eighty to three hundred people were present. While it was true that just the group hoped for had not responded to the invitations, the reception had been a great success and a warm feeling of friendliness had been generated among those who came. Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Ceith and Miss Meredith had formed the committee

of arrangements, owing to the very generous desire on the part of the caterer whom they engaged to contribute the services of his men, the total expense would be only $42. Forty seven dollars had already been received, so that it would not be necessary to draw on the treasury to defray the expenses of the reception.

It was moved and carried that a vote of thanks be sent to Miss Meredith for her cheque of $25 towards the same. The letter from the caterer, Mr. Chalk, was read and Mrs. Bradford was asked to extend to him a unanimous expression of thanks for his generosity from the meeting.

It was moved and carried that post-cards be printed for use in sending out notices of the meetings of the Parish Aid.

The rector made a report on the changes made in the position of the appliances used in the lunch room and reported that the Sunday School found itself rather cramped under present conditions. The Neighborhood House was not large enough to accommodate the lunch-room without crowding the other activities for which the House was primarily intended. He strongly urged looking into

the cost of equipping the building near by owned by the church and at present used as a store-house for carrying on the work of the lunch-room with a view to removing it permanently from the Neighborhood House, providing rest rooms for working-girls there, also apartments for a care-taker for the Neighborhood House. It was decided that the present committee, consisting of Mrs. Donaldson, Miss Coles and Miss Washburn (?) be enlarged and that this committee report upon the probable cost of putting said building in condition for such work at our next meeting.

Mrs. Donaldson reported that the kitchen was not in as good order as it should be, but that Mrs. Wagner was willing to give it a coat of white wash, though tiles, except for the expense, would be the best arrangement above the sink where the walls were particularly untidy. The rector advocated a material cheaper than tiles; the matter was referred to the committee with power to act as seemed best to them.

It was thought it might be necessary for the ladies of the Aid to engage one of Mrs. Wagner's

women to stay after hours in order to clean
the kitchen more thoroughly than they have
time to do under the present arrangement.

It was decided that we ought to have a
competent care-taker to look after the Neigh-
borhood House, thus relieving Mr. Head and
allowing him more time for the care of the
church. The secretary was authorized to
write to Mrs. Bradford, asking her if she wo
be willing to find us a suitable man.

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ing adjourned.

R. E. Gill.
Secretary.

1913. The December meeting of the Parish Aid was well attended, ten members being present. The rector presided and after the opening prayers, the reports of treasurer and secretary were read and approved. The former reported a total balance to date of $1110.17; of the special fund raised for the parish reopening in October $45.50 had been expended, leaving a small balance of $1.50. The sum of $7.38 had been returned to the treasury by the lunch-room committee through Mrs. Donaldson which was left over from the work in the spring.

The rector stated that it was his wish and desire that the Ladies Parish Aid should be a sort of clearing house for all the activities of the church and the Neighborhood House; its purpose should be to hear reports from all the committees at work and to keep informed of their needs and achievements. The Sanctuary Committee, the Girls' Friendly, the Mothers' Club, should all make reports at the Parish Aid meetings and we should not confine ourselves to hearing

of the work of the lunch room only, interesting as it is.

In this connection Dr. Washburn reported that he had gone over the house opposite to which it was proposed we might transfer the lunch room, thus relieving the over-crowding in the rooms used by the other committees and the Sunday School. Mr. Leeds, at the rector's request, had gone over the house with him and they had found that it would be inadequate for the purpose. The house next door, likewise owned by the church but at present rented would be suitable if we could get possession in the future; or it might be possible to cut up the lower floor which would answer the needs of the lunch room very nicely.

Dr. Washburn, who had to welcome them in the very cramped space, thought it desirable on account of lack of space to move the lunch-room in the near future if at all possible to make these arrangements.

The committee on the lunch room asked for a fund of $25.00 monthly to pay small bills as they are presented. It was moved and carried that they be given this sum, also that they receive enough to pay outstanding bills; of these the largest amount

was for $13.50 for zinc which had been placed back of the sink in the kitchen.

The lunch room had paid for gas only until Sept. first. A cheque for thirty dollars had been received for this from Mrs. Wagner.

The Treasurer was authorized to send Mrs. Wagner the loan of one hundred dollars she desired, to be paid within the year, the purposes for which it was desired being subject to the approval of the rector.

Mrs. John W. Auperson has become a permanent member of the lunch room committee; it was proposed that the ladies composing it should take turns supervising.

Dr. Washburn asked that a record be made in the minutes of the gift of a chalice veil last spring of rose lace, the donor being Mrs. Frederick W. English who gave it to Christ Church in memory of her mother.

The rector reported that the room known as the Paul room in memory of Miss Paul was now the office of the church clerk, Miss Montz, who had recently been installed there and whose salary had been most generously donated.

Mention was made of the work of the Dorcas Society, finished in November, in providing 396 garments for needy children of the Sunday School, also of the muniment room which was being completed in the Neighborhood House in which church records are to be kept. One hundred dollars had been appropriated by the Historical Society for this purpose, the extra fifty needed being given by Miss Meredith. A fireproof closet was to be fixed up in the passage way ~~back part~~ of the Neighborhood House to take the place of the room now to be used for the muniments records.

As the funds in possession of the Parish Aid are not at present ~~needed~~ used for a second caretaker, Mrs. Gill proposed that some appropriation might be made from them for the completion of the entrance and staircase of the Neighborhood House. Dr. Washburn stated that he had very much at heart the question of permanent doors. Some discussion also took place as to a suitable floor covering for the church, but no action was taken on any of these propositions. It was thought better to lay them over until more

definite information as to cost was obtained.
Mrs. Donaldson proposed we have a budget: this too was postponed for action until later.
The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill, Secretary.

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Seven members were present at the January meeting of the Ladies Parish Aid. The rector presided and after prayers, the minutes of the secretary were read and, with some slight correction, approved.

The treasurer reported having sent the cheque for one hundred dollars, authorized at the previous meeting, to Mrs. Wagner, making the total expenditures for the month $151.00; balance on hand to date, $969.77.

The lunch-room committee reported that Mrs. Stout had put in cupboards in the cellar thus relieving the committee of any expense for this purpose. On motion, the secretary was

requested to express the thanks of the meeting to Mrs. Stout for her generosity.

Mrs. Dickerson, who undertook the work of supervising the lunch room and kitchen for the month, reported that everything in that part of the Neighborhood House was in good condition. A new scrap basket had been the only expenditure.

Mrs. Smith volunteered to take the oversight of the house for the coming month.

Mrs. Donaldson expressed a wish to use the money allowed her for the purpose of putting things in good condition, as this means keeping up the Neighborhood House. a high standard of cleanliness and order

Miss Cowell was present and gave a very interesting report of the work of the Girls Friendly. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening which are attended regularly by from thirty-five to forty girls. Two talks on missions have been given this winter, and the girls have had some instruction on hygiene and "first aid to the injured". There is also an embroidery class and one in dress-making and literature.

The girls have made several layettes for babies,

and are interested in visiting and writing to a Shut-in. They gave an Entertainment in the Fall by which they raised $62 for their work, and $10 was collected among the girls for the Christmas offering.

Dr. Washburn told us that the Neighborhood House was becoming very favorably known, as various groups of young men outside our own parish had been allowed to come there and make use of its resources. Some young boys under Miss Madeira had met there for gymnastics and basket ball, until their own building was completed; also others from the textile school. All had been most appreciative and the rector felt that we had not only gained friends, but it had been the means of enlarging the influence of the house in the Neighborhood. Now Sunday evenings there was to be a meeting of the men of the locality. It was hoped that this experiment would be a success.

Miss Washburne made a brief plea for the work of the Periodical Club, and the

rector asked that discarded clothing be sent to the Neighborhood House, as there were many needy mothers and children for whom they could be used.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill.
Secretary.

1914 Feb. 11th.

The February meeting of the Parish Aid was opened by the rector, only six members being present. The reports were read and approved. The treasurer's balance to date was $975.55. Eight dollars had been received during the month for dues, and interest on funds had amounted to $10.56.

Dr. Washburn reported having conferred with Mr. Seeds in regard to the cost of plastering the rooms upstairs and providing doors for the rooms on the ground floor. Mr. Seeds had submitted an estimate which was remarkably low and according to which the plastering would cost from $300 to $310 — $250 for the large room, and from $50 to $60 for the small one — and the cost for doors, providing stock doors were used would amount to $239 more. On motion it was carried that the funds of the Parish Aid to the amount named should be used for this purpose according to the estimate submitted by Mr. Seeds, stock doors to be used for the first floor.

Mrs. Donaldson made a brief report in regard to the lunch room. The screen doors had not been

removed from the outside entrance to the lunch-room and she would like to have them taken down. The doors themselves needed paint. No definite action was taken in this matter, but it was referred to the rector with power to act.

Mrs. Smith had ~~practically raised~~ given all the money necessary to install a second sink in the kitchen, which apparently was much needed, and was about to be installed.

Miss Wharton made a brief report about the Day Nursery project. We could get a certain amount of money from the parent association provided one were started, to be used for equipment. Inasmuch as day nurseries are very expensive to carry on, it was decided not to go into the proposition at the present time without more financial backing could be obtained.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gell.
Secretary.

Eight members and two visitors attended the March meeting of the Ladies Parish Aid Society. The rector presided and read the opening prayers, after which the reports of treasurer and secretary were read and approved. The balance in the treasury to date was $952.58

Mrs. Donaldson made a report for the lunch room. Everything was running smoothly and in good order. The new sink had been installed and was a great convenience, but few things more were needed at the present time. A fire-less cooker would be a great help, it would cost about $45. Mrs. Hart, who promised to oversee things in the lunch-room for the coming month, has given $20 towards its purchase. Mrs. Donaldson reported that when she would receive the $25 coming to the committee for the month, she would have about $100 on hand. New shades should be purchased, also a receptacle for paper towels. She was authorized to spend what is necessary within the amount on hand.

The rector reported that the doors for which money was appropriated at the

last meeting had been ordered and were on their way. As the motion made last month in regard to setting aside an amount of about three hundred dollars for plastering the room upstairs was not clearly understood, on motion it was withdrawn and a new motion voted on, i.e., that the amount necessary to plaster hall and stairway of the main entrance to the Neighborhood House be set aside for this purpose. This was carried.

Mr. Washburn stated that there was fifty dollars owing on the janitor's salary paid in summer and fall over and above the sum of one hundred dollars sent him last spring for this purpose. Discussion followed in regard to a suitable person for the position, as the man acting as assistant to Mr. Head was not fully competent. No action was taken, but it was decided that fifty dollars a month would not be too large a salary to pay a good man, as Mrs. Donaldson felt sure that the needs of the lunch room had been provided for. The committee could pay something towards such a salary from the monthly allowance made them. The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill. Secretary.

The April meeting of the Parish Aid of Christ Church was well attended, ten members being present. It was called a half hour earlier, owing to the mid-day Lenten service, and in the temporary absence of the rector, the secretary presided. The reports of officers were read and approved without alteration. The treasurer reported a balance to date of $922.58. The expenses for the month had been $30; dues received $1.00. The loan of $100 made to the Alcott lunch room, authorized at the December meeting had been refunded.

A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to act with the rector on the question of the floor covering of the church and to bring in report at our next meeting. On the approval of the rector, Miss Meredith, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gill were appointed.

Mrs. Donaldson reported receiving a letter from Director Cooke of the Department of Public Works in regard to Clean-up Week, asking our House Committee to cooperate with them in cleaning

up in our neighborhood. Mrs. Wenzgerber was appointed to act with Mrs. Donaldson in forming plans by which interest and help in carrying out the directors suggestions might be secured.

Mrs. Donaldson reported for the lunch room that it was now provided with everything necessary for running smoothly and efficiently; she would therefore prefer not to draw the monthly sum of $25 voted her some months ago. She still had a small balance on hand. Her suggestion was that any special thing needed through the summer not covered by the amount on hand, might be paid for out of the general fund. Mrs. Donaldson suggested that the sum of $25 monthly, in whole or in part, might be given by the lunch room committee as their share towards the wages of an extra janitor.

It was moved and carried that the lunch room committee cease to draw from the promised monthly fund, leaving the treasurer to settle with the rector the lunch room share of the wage of an extra man.

Dr. Washburn reported that the present extra janitor had been engaged on March twenty-first at the sum of $10 per week; it might not be necessary [to] keep him through the summer, when the activities carried on in the Neighborhood House to a large extent cease. It was therefore not worth while to have the man act under specific instructions from those engaging the Lunch room, as the tenure of office of a second janitor was uncertain. It was much better for the ladies to continue [to] have the care of the building as far as possible.

Dr. Washburn reported that the plastering ordered done was completed, the little room up-stairs having been done at his expense at the same time, in order that it might be in readiness should a day nursery be started in the near future. Mrs. Wharton was deeply interested in the project and was trying to interest people outside our Congregation [to] give money towards it. The Parent Day Nursery Association would give $250 to start it.

The rector reported that the doors and plastering should cost approximately $150 but there were some extras necessary which should be provided, paint for the doors for instance. As three hundred dollars had been voted to the rector for plastering and doors at the February meeting, it was decided that he should be authorized to draw on the Parish Aid Funds to that amount.

R. E. Gill, Secretary.

October 1914 The opening meeting of the Parish Aid for the year 1914-1915 was held on October 14th, Dr. Washburn presiding.

The reports of the treasurer ~~and acting secretary~~ of the last meeting in May were read and approved. On motion of the rector, it was voted to incorporate the report of the treasurer in this present report. The balance on hand to date was $374.66

The rector reported the placing of cushions neatly covered with red in the church. Miss Meredith was the generous giver and it was moved and carried that the secretary write and express to her the thanks of the Parish Aid for her kindness.

Dr. Washburn stated that the meeting planned in May in honor of Mr. Head's long service as sexton of Christ Church had been held and a purse of $275 had been made up for him. The rector wished very much that some plan could be devised by which the ladies of the Parish Aid would make themselves responsible for the salary of an assistant care-taker. It was not within the province of the vestry

to assume this; both the church and the Neighborhood House need more care than any one man can possibly give and it would relieve the situation very much if this body of women would undertake to raise each year the sum needed to pay an extra care-taker. Fifteen hundred dollars was the amount paid in an up-town church where two men are employed.

It was moved and carried that, for the present, the Treasurer send fifty dollars per month to the rector from the funds on hand for the salary of an assistant to Mr. Head.

The rector reported that there was great need of more cleanliness on the part of the lunch-room people in the kitchen; also that the odors from the cooking were most objectionable. A fan of some kind as a ventilator in the kitchen might help; both these matters were referred to the Committee.

The cost of gas for the lunch-room was $10 a month. Those in charge were seventeen months behind, but one hundred

dollars had been received towards the reduction of this obligation.

A report on the work of the lunch-room from January until September 1914, was read and, on motion of the rector, is incorporated in these registers.

It shows an increase of customers over last year to the same date of 4449 young women; receipts were $5,650.96, expenses 5511.46, showing a balance on hand to date Sept. 30, 1914 of $139.50. The average price paid per meal was 18 2/3 cents.

It might be wise to inquire whether the lunch people could not pay more than $10 a month in order to pay off the deficit for gas.

Report of work during summer.

The rector reported that the old library had been catalogued during the summer; and owing to the skill and interest of Mr. Head, a fire-proof book case had been prepared for its reception in the muniment room.

Through the activity of the Press, a modified milk station had been carried on and a young woman had been in attendance

Date - Friday, June 2nd

Hours

Cooperation of Historical Groups to handle publicity
- Poor Richards
- Descendants of the Signers
- D. A. R.
- S. A. R.

Advertise through
- PRT
- Railroads
- Radio Stations

At Fair
- Booths - each parish or outside organization to handle a boo
- Everything to be contributed
  - Vegetables Booth
  - Dairy Products Booth
  - Package Booth
  - Book Booth
  - Cafeteria - tea, sandwiches, etc.
  - Ice Cream Booth
  - Candy Booth
  - Grab Bags, balloons, etc.
- Historial Exhibit - cooperation of historical societies, scho
- Guided tours through Church - Christ Church Guide Corps

City-wide Committee of prominent citizens

Parish Committee
- Subcommittees

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A report on the work of the Lunch-room
from January until September, 1914,

ALTAR GUILD

Balance on hand Apr. 18, 1939			145.23
Disbursements			
Apr. 25	Georgia Bender, alterations to		
	2 surplices	10.00	
	2 linen surplices	30.00	
	embroidery	3.00	
20	J. E. Caldwell, polishing and repairing 2 patens, 2 cruets, 2 chalices	7.00	
May 15	Laundry	11.65	61.65
	Balance on hand May 15, 1939		83.58

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at the Neighborhood House for two hours each day to provide mothers with milk for their babies.
Miss Charlotte Seeds had embroidered a pair of book-markers for the lectern.
A daily vacation Bible School had been carried on for ~~four~~ six weeks of the summer.
Since our last meeting $b400 had been paid on the debt on the Neighborhood House, reducing it to 4600. There was now only $1200 to raise, as the difference is promised us when the $1200 is in hand.
Dr. Washburn suggested that attendance at the meetings of both the Parish Aid and the Woman's Auxiliary might be better if the dates of meeting were further apart.
A resolution was passed that our meetings be held on the first Friday of the month for the present, subject to the co-operation of the Woman's Auxiliary. The rector stated that he wished to make our next a sort of rally meeting, and have reports from those at the head of the various activities which have their meeting place in the Neighborhood House.
Adjournment then made until Friday Nov. 6.
R. E. Gill. Secretary.

The November meeting of the Parish Aid was well attended, a number of visitors from The Deaconess House helping to swell the usual attendance by the members.
After prayers, the reports were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed dues and donations received during October amounting to eleven dollars; balance on hand to date, November eighth, $385.61

Dr. Washburn reported for the lunch room that a transom had been put in which it was hoped would carry off the odor from the kitchen. The whole place needed supervision, as it was not in as clean a condition as it should be. It would be a wise plan to work for the removal of the lunch-rooms from the Neighborhood House in the near future, perhaps. The success of the Alcott House at Fifteenth and Arch Sts. it is hoped may lead those in charge of the work to open a similar one in this part of the city.

Miss Blakiston made a report of the work of the mothers. Fourteen new mem-

members have recently been added, making a total membership of 79. The usual attendance at the weekly meetings is from 42 to 56. There are ten shut-ins; the mothers visit one of them who is in a hospital. They also take flowers to the sick. There is a Starr savings fund which they utilize. The meetings are full of interest and would repay a visit from the women of the parish.

Miss Gowell made a report on the work of the Girls Friendly. The meetings were continued during July this year, no regular work being maintained, but the house being open on Tuesday evenings for the use of the girls. They also made use of the Starr savings fund. The girls were preparing for an entertainment to be given to raise money. A package party was given by one of the members at which $5.50 was raised. The party was greatly enjoyed. Some money had been given to the Red Cross and some of the girls were making scarfs for the soldiers. The members visited and

wrote to a Shut-In; They had also made some layettes for babies.

Miss Washburn reported for the Altar Guild and the Periodical Club. The Guild had twenty dollars in the treasury and was anxious in some way to increase the gifts for flowers. It was suggested there might be regular memorial Sundays which certain groups might donate flowers for in memory of those who had passed away. There are a few such Sundays now and some honorary members; some who pay two dollars annually.

The Periodical Club receives books and magazines and has distributed, chiefly through the children of the Sunday School, some thirteen or fourteen hundred during the past year.

Mrs. Weisgerber reported on the plan suggested for the churches to defray the cost of lunches to be served during the Billy Sunday campaign here.

Dr. Washburn reported that Harry Appleby

had been engaged as assistant-caretaker to under Mr Head.

Mrs. Gill stated that the Dorcas work had been completed for the season. Six hundred and three garments were distributed; of these about seventy had been donated to us by the Needlework Guild of Overbrook.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill.
Secretary.

The December meeting was omitted.

1915.

January. The parish aid held its first meeting for the new year on January 14th, Dr. Washburn presiding. The reports of treasurer and secretaries were read and approved. The balance on hand in treasury to date was $269.41

The rector reported having engaged Harry Appleby as assistant caretaker at ten dollars a week. It had been necessary to discharge him during the holiday season and a Mr. Shortt was at present filling the place. The new care-taker had been paid out of other funds in the hands of the rector.

Dr. Washburn reported that the two rooms in the Neighborhood House had been offered to the ~~women~~ ladies of the Emergency Aid for a sewing class for needy poor women, the heat being supplied to them without charge. Chairs were very much needed in the large upstairs room, not only now to supply seats for the sewers but for other occasions.

Good second-hand ones could be found. The matter was referred to Miss Coles.

The rector stated that the balance due on the mortgage on the Neighborhood House, $1259.41 in amount, had been raised and would be paid early in the year. $1800 was promised and this would leave us not only free from debt, but with a balance on hand of about $541, available for certain other things. The gas and electricity for the building costs about $800 annually and is a continuing charge on the current expense fund. Mr. Washburn wished the parish aid could take this off the vestry: they are trying now to have a receipt account to help defray this.

The $541 balance might be used to finish up something needed in the Neighborhood House, perhaps to plaster the large room upstairs. This could not be done before spring however, as it would be necessary to have the windows open that the plaster might dry properly. Mr. Stokes had made a

very generous offer to give a certain sum he had made as profit in his business and it might be that he would wish it used in adding the third story to the Neighborhood House. It is a most satisfactory showing that $10,500 of the debt has been paid off since last year, the regular work has been carried on and there is a balance on hand in spite of the large outlay.

Miss Bradford made a report for the Woman's Missionary society. A box had been sent to Ernest Brown in Kansas City; also partly worn clothing to a missionary in the South. Will send for the diocese in Lent and contributions for this purpose were needed.

Miss Coles reported that the House committee had taken up the work of cleaning the Neighborhood House very thoroughly and already an improvement was noticed, especially in the kitchen.

The Altar Chapter reported $35 on hand in their treasury and 18 Sundays not

provided for. The committee would be glad if these could be made memorial days. It was most necessary to have the chancel cleaned. Dr. Washburn promised to arrange to have this done when the Christmas decorations were taken down. A box especially made for holding altar linen was much needed.

The Rector said he would like to have a plan devised by which the suppers for the Girls' Friendly could be provided without the expense having to be met by the funds of the church. We should look forward now to establishing all the interests carried on in the Neighborhood House on a self-supporting basis.

He also spoke of the results of the house to house visitation recently completed in the neighborhood. There are 3522 permanent residents in about 500 houses. 6200 come into the ward daily to work, leaving it again at night. There are sixty five saloons and only four churches. Some earnest effort should be made to reach this people, especially during the Lenten season, the noon-day services being designed for the workers in the neighborhood.

Adjournment was then made.

R. E. Gill, Secretary.

The February meeting of the Parish Aid opened with prayer, the rector presiding. The reports of officers were read and approved. The treasury showed a balance of $178.61 to date. It was reported by Miss Cole that Mrs. Stout had very kindly presented the chairs needed in the large upstairs room in the Neighborhood House. The rector stated that the Emergency Aid Sewing Class which had been meeting there had recently moved, whether because of insufficient room for the sewing machines or because the locality was inconvenient, was not known.

Dr. Washburn asked that a record be put upon the minutes of the Acousticon recently installed through Miss Meredith's personal efforts and those of her friends to whom she appealed. The cost of installation was $173.25.

Dr. Washburn made a lengthy report concerning the condition of Christ Church Graveyard. It seemed a report had gained credence that we should not need the usual amount this year for its main-

tenance and the Colonial Dames had ~~not~~ sent only a part of its usual contribution towards this. The church has only about $125 towards a caretaker and consequently can afford to keep him only a part of the year. Meanwhile the condition of the graveyard is very bad, the fence is dilapidated, the trees need attention and the city has threatened to make us pay a new pavement and a new kerb. We are fortunate that this has not heretofore been insisted upon.

Dr. Washburn suggested taking into consideration some plan of approaching those who hold family plots in the ground and interesting them to provide for its maintenance.

The rector again stated that he wished the Parish Aid to consider the raising of funds to carry on the running expenses of the Neighborhood House for the main part of its work. Apart from the expense of providing a care-taker, it costs about $250 a year to provide for

the enterprises carried on in the building. Dr. Washburn is working to make each one of these as much as possible self-supporting. The lunch-room is supposed to pay $10 a month towards the gas used for cooking, but is at present way behind. The mothers' meeting practically meets all expenses and the Girls' Friendly Society is meeting the cost of the suppers by contributions from the associates and small sums given by the girls themselves in the case of those who can afford it. This however is a voluntary and not an obligatory offering.

No action was taken on a plan to raise money according to the rectors' suggestion, as it was felt the present amount in the treasury ought to pay the extra janitor until the summer; if it was decided to keep him on through the hot weather, some of the rectors' discretionary fund, to be the Easter offering this year, might with his consent, be given for this purpose.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill, Secy.

The rector presided at the March meeting of the Parish Aid and the reports of treasurer and secretary were approved. Balance on hand in treasury to date was $180.61. It was moved that a bill of something over three dollars be paid for postal notices of our meetings.

The rector reported an opposition movement, originated as a result of the Billy Sunday campaign, to start a rest and lunch room at Second and Market. One is already in operation on Washington Square near by, where the Rev. Mr. Hill gave the committee interested a site and where lunches are served to working women at five cents. Prayer meetings are held daily in connection with it. Follow-up Movement.

The people running the these lunch rooms wish to hold prayer meetings during the noon hours. Dr. Washburn, while not for a moment believing that the girls who come to our lunch room are not being

reached by the influence our church brings to bear upon their lives, is quite ready to allow the women interested in this to have the building and hold prayer meetings there, only not in Lent when we have our own mid-day services.

It was thought that some of the outside women were misinformed as to the real work Christ Church is doing through its lunch room and Neighborhood House and it was hoped that a conference with the committee in the near future, suggested by the rector, might result in clearing up the situation. Meanwhile, the attendance at the our lunch room, as well as at the Alcott house, had fallen off because of this cheaper lunch room in the neighborhood.

Business womens clubs have been formed as a result of the Sunday movement which have financial backing and members.

The rector reported Mrs. Stout's kindness in giving the chairs needed in the upstairs

room and also that of Mrs. Coles in having the couch covered in the rest room. Report was also made that the Emergency Aid Sewing Class had as its reason for leaving the Neighborhood House the fact that only twenty five could be accommodated in our building and they wished to increase their number to fifty. An empty store in the vicinity was offered to them.

Dr. Washburn authorized the women of the lunch room committee to give directions as to the care of the building directly to the assistant care-taker.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gell,
Secretary.

The April meeting of Parish Aid resolved itself into a discussion as to the best way to appropriate the unusually large amount of money which was given at Easter time for the rector's discretionary fund. The rector presided and laid the needs of the various parochial associations before the meeting, stating that, with the approval of the members, he would like to make some special gifts to the work and equipment of the following:-
The Altar Guild.
Church Periodical Club.
Sunday School.
If possible, the secretary to the rector and the head of the Girls' Friendly should receive more than they are now getting.
The Altar Chapter was sadly in need of a receptacle for holding linen.
It was moved and carried that fifty dollars be appropriated for this purpose; also that the rector be authorized to act as he thought best in the matter of giving special help in the directions above indicated.

Dr. Washburn commended the hearty response made to the appeal for special offerings during Lent and at Easter time. $482.50 had been given by about four hundred and thirty children of the Sunday School for missions. $357 from members of the congregation for the same cause.

The treasurer stated there was a balance of $279 in the treasury and suggested that each member of the Parish Aid be asked to give a certain sum yearly to meet the expenses of an extra care-taker for the Neighborhood House and such other outlay as should be necessitated by the work being carried on there. As it was thought that the balance on hand would be ample to meet all requirements through the summer, it was decided to take no action on the treasurer's suggestion before fall.

Dr. Washburn reported a conference with the women of the Business Wom

Association who were interested in starting another lunch room in our section of the city. He had hoped they would be willing to co-operate with us, but for various reasons, one of these being that Mrs. Wagner felt herself unable to assume larger responsibilities than she has had heretofore at Christ Church Neighborhood House, this plan fell through.

Meanwhile a second lunch room has been started at Fourth and Chestnut, where a noon-day prayer meeting is held and a paper lunch is prepared at a cheaper rate than our lunch room can afford. As a result, our patronage has fallen off to rather an alarming extent and the rector urged the committee to take immediate steps to build it up to the former numbers.

Various suggestions were made as to how this might best be done, if it was really paying well enough at ordinary times to justify the effort to keep it going. It was concluded that it was too big a matter

for the Parish Aid to handle without more knowledge of the situation; and the secretary was authorized to refer the suggestions made to Mrs. Donaldson, for conference with her committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill,
Secretary.

The May meeting of the Parish Aid was held in connection with the final meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary and there is little to report. A résumé of the general work of the former for the year was given and some discussion took place as to plans to be adopted in the Fall for raising money to pay the salary of a janitor. No action was taken and adjournment was made until October.

R. E. Gill.
Secretary.

The October meeting of the Parish Aid of Christ Church was held the second Wednesday in October the month, the rector presiding. The minutes, also the report of the treasurer were read and approved.

Bal. $254.54

Motion was made that Dr. Washburn be re-imbursed from the treasury to the amount of $80, being the sum he had advanced during the months of May and June in payment of the assistant pastor.

The rector was authorized to draw on the treasury for ten dollars a week to pay the salary of the new pastor.

Dr Washburn reported that the growing work in the Neighborhood House, combined with the need for paying a care-taker for the Burial Ground at 5th and Arch, made the question of raising money for salaries a vital one. Christ Church was no longer only a museum and as the work of the parish enlarges, more money must be raised.

Various plans were touched upon in the course of discussion as to how

this could be done, but no action was taken in the meeting. The rector hoped we might try to interest in our work some who are numbered with us, but who do not attend our meetings.

Miss Colwill made a brief report on the summer work of the parish; it had been very gratifying. Large numbers of our people having been given an outing to relieve the discomfort of life in the city during the heated term. Some of our girls had been sent to the Girls' Friendly House at Cape May, 54 children to the playgrounds and 57 boys went to camp. The Girls Friendly had a very pleasant picnic at Willow Grove and supper one evening in the Park. Several of our mothers also were sent into the country.

Dr. Washburn reported that the daily vacation Bible School had been very successful and had been under unusually good leadership during the past summer. The neighborhood had been well canvassed

and the children had seemed to be
interested in the Bible stories and
manual work. 17 were enrolled.
There was no report from the lunch
room. The rector reported that they were
way behind in payment for the gas, also
that paid cashiers had been installed.
The meeting then adjourned.
R. E. Gill. Secy.

The November meeting was opened by the rector and the reports of the secretary were read and approved. $17.00 had been received for dues, $80 arrears had been paid Dr. Washburn for janitors salary advanced by him and there was a balance to date of $191.57.

Mrs. Donaldson reported that she felt very remiss in not having a detailed report to present about the work of the lunch room. She felt she had not time to serve on the committee and give it the attention it required. and she wished very much the rector would appoint some one in her place. Dr. Washburn urged her to continue for the present.

Dr. Washburn reported for the lunch room that they were way behind in paying their share of the gas bill, fifty dollars paid the day before our meeting being the first money received from them for many months. He had not been able to get any definite report from Mrs. Wagner

as to their financial condition, attendance, etc. 118 a day had been the highest attendance since spring and on Saturdays it was very small. He thought we had come to a time when, as is the case in so many new enterprises, the first enthusiasm was passed and we needed grace and patience to await developments. Mrs. Donaldson wished we could establish the personal relation with the lunch-room girls, a big sister relationship that would get into touch with their lives and be a helpful influence in their experiences.

Dr. Washburn reported that the Neighborhood House was being used every Thursday afternoon by ~~the~~ a visiting nurse from the City Board of Health ~~Visiting Nurse Assn.~~ who gave talks on the care of their babies to the mothers of the neighborhood.

The Altar Chapter had the money about in hand for the purchase of a chest to hold the church linen, something they had long needed but had not been able to buy.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill, Sec

The December meeting of the Parish Aid was well attended, the rector presiding. After prayers, the minutes were read and approved, with the suggestion that something more be added about the report of the friendly at our last meeting.

Balance in the treasury to date was $106.04. $14.50 was received in November from Miss Cole's sale and $100 was sent to Dr. Washburn in payment of salary of assistant janitor.

The rector reported receiving $10 towards paying for use of gas by the lunch room workers, a small payment on an ~~already large~~ amount over-due.

The secretary was requested to ask Mrs. Wetherill to serve on the lunch room committee, of which the members to date are the following:- Miss Coles, Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Frost (?) Miss Abbott was asked at the meeting to be a member of this committee from which by division a house com-

matter having the care of the Neighborhood House is to be formed] Miss Abbott accepted.

Dr. Washburn reported that the flooring in the lunch room was in bad condition. also that Miss Eleanor Arnett was taking up the question of a big sister relationship to the working girls.

The Altar Chapter Committee would be glad to have some flowers for the altar on the Sundays still unprovided for. Can any of our ~~women~~ members be interested to provide them regularly one or more Sundays in the year as a memorial or otherwise?

Miss Cowell made a detailed report on the work of the Girls Friendly for the year to date] Basket ball, rafia work and dress. making classes had been started and a plan had been formed by which each associate was to provide some entertainment for the girls one evening of each month, the girls later on in the year to return the hospitality by giving an entertainment for all the

associates. At the December meeting. Mrs. Oakley was to address the girls on Civics. The Juniors meet with the older girls this year, and officers have been chosen from the latter who hold offices and to some extent conduct the meetings.

A class of twenty-five candidates meets on Wednesdays.

The regular yearly entertainment netted brought in $81. and $32 had been realized from the rummage sale. With the amount ^already on hand in bank. the Friendly expects to be self-supporting for the year. Motion was made seconded by Mrs Washburn that a committee be appointed to report at our next meeting on some plan to raise money to meet the salary of assistant Janitor.

Dr. Washburn spoke of book ~~written~~ prepared by Mr. Woh-rill on various agencies at work in our neighborhood, of how necessary it was to follow some plan in carrying out reforms that there should be no duplication. The Housing Commission, urged by workers from an uptown church, were tearing down some disgraceful houses in our near ~~[illegible]~~ neighborhood. Adjournment was then made. R.G. Bell Sec'y.

1916.
Jan.

Dr. Washburn opened the January meeting of the Parish Aid with prayer. Ten members were present.
The secretary's report was, with a slight correction of the concluding paragraph, approved. The treasurer reported an ~~income~~ increase for the month of $35.60, total amount on hand to date $141.60
Dr. Washburn commented on the improvement in the appearance of the front doors which had been freshly painted with a dark green color. Thanks were due to ~~Mrs. Smith~~, Miss Coles and Miss Abbott for this, also to Mr Head who had done the work.
The committee appointed to confer as to a plan by which money could be raised for the future support of the janitor for a part of the current year, reported that they wishing to confer with the rector before proposing any plan to the meeting.
The lunch room committee arranged for a meeting on January nineteenth to

confer with Mrs. Wagner and talk over the situation in the lunch room.

Dr. Washburn reported having had some data from Mrs. Wagner on the subject. The attendance had fallen off greatly in December and the receipts had fallen off to the amount of forty dollars. Mrs. Wagner thought advertising of some kind was needed. She believed more of the poorer girls were patronizing our lunch room than ever before.

A vote of thanks was given to Miss Abbott for her gifts to the Neighborhood House. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

R. E. Gell - Secy.

The stated February meeting of the Parish Aid was held in the absence of the rector. The Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Coles, read prayers, after which the minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of $141.60 in January, received in February a gift of $100 to be used for the work of carrying out the lunch room, and the remaining of $276 for the Parish Aid, making a total balance to date of. The sale of Christmas Cards had netted $33.29 for the society. The janitor had been paid up to Easter and there was a total balance on hand to date of $380.33, and the hundred dollars to the account of lunch room.

It was suggested that all organizations meeting in the Neighborhood House should make some small contribution towards the improvement of the building. Each member might give five cents apiece; this would promote esprit de corps and make each feel that they had some personal share in the Neighborhood House. Neither Miss Cowell or Miss Blakiston being present, no

action was taken.
The lunch committee reported having had two meetings. The girls who patronize the lunch room had been approached and asked to make some suggestions as to how they thought ~~the~~ ~~lunch~~ it could be improved. The girls had responded in various ways. Many thought a greater variety in the menu should be provided. There is no doubt much less variety is provided than formerly.
The committee had decided to try instal-ling a Miss Stewart, a graduate of the Drexel, as whose experience in running similar lunch rooms it was thought might be helpful in solving our problems. The com-mittee made themselves responsible for her salary for a few months, as an experiment in supplementing the work of Mrs. Girard.
A bulletin board had been installed on which it was planned to write the principal ~~passing~~ events of the week for the bene-fit of the girls. Any notices of interest may be sent to Miss Abbott, who will see that they are placed on the board. Tickets which the owners can not use will be distributed

among the girls if sent to the committee.
Complaint was made of the very untidy condition of the lunch-room, kitchen. Mrs. Wagner was asked to come in and go over the situation with the ladies. her judgment was that considering the smallness of the space used for cooking and the large number of people served, it looked as well as could be expected. She asked that some of the women come down and inspect things. volunteers to look into the condition of the kitchen were asked for at the close of the meeting.
Miss Ellecott, as a visitor representing the Sunday School, reported that the chairs used by the smaller classes down stairs were much in need of repair. The teachers were much inconvenienced by the lack of closets and she would be glad if the Parish Aid could provide them or make available those already in the Neighborhood House. The rector having expressed a wish for closets built in the rooms to correspond with the architecture of the building, the secretary asked

to get some data from the architect on the subject. The matter of repairing the Chairs was taken up with Miss Ellicott after the meeting, which then adjourned.

R. E. Gill,
Sec'y.

1916. The rector presided at the March meeting of the Parish Aid; after the opening prayers, the minutes were read and approved. In the treasurer's absence the secretary reported for her that the balance on hand was the same as that of the preceding month; i.e., $380.33.
The lunch room committee reported having had an interview with Mrs. Wagner. She had promised if the girls would do their part towards stimulating attendance, a larger menu would be provided. New spoons, oil cruets and a rack for hats and coats were much needed. Miss Abbott had inquired into the cost of these articles; to provide table articles would cost $26.50 and the kind of rack needed $14. Mrs. Stout had very kindly authorized her special gift of $100 to the lunch room to be used in any way that was needful and practical to increase its comfort. So it was decided by the meeting to authorize Miss Abbott to purchase the things named from this special fund.

Two large rubber mats had been provided by Mrs. Donaldson from the same source at a cost of $18, which it was hoped would go far towards preserving the cleanliness of the building. Mrs. Wagner is to be at the Neighborhood House one day in a week, Miss Stewart hereafter only two. The attendance has increased as a result of the efforts recently made and the party given for the girls recently was a great success in promoting a spirit of friendliness.

The rector reported a gift of fifty new prayer books and hymnals to the church, also that some considerable money would have to be expended on necessary repairs to the church interior in the near future. A proper arrangement of slips into the north gallery was much needed; the old ones were in a bad state and to re-build them adequately was a complicated problem for the architects, because of the successive stages in which the church was put up. The organ loft was gradually becoming unfit for use, the lead pipes

beginning to soften and sag from age. The chief thing needed to be be considered in making necessary repairs is to secure uniformity.

Dr. Washburn also reported that Mr. Stokes has $5500 already in hand for the erection of a third story to the Neighborhood House and is taking steps to complete the needed amount. None of the plans submitted by Mr. White the architect for the construction of closets in the Neighborhood House being satisfactory, Mrs. Donaldson after conferring with the rector, promised to get information to submit to the next meeting as to the cost of kind of closets most suitable and desirable for the purpose. The rector reported the resignation of Mr. Head, sexton of the church for thirty two years, this resignation to take effect April first. Dr. Washburn asked for our co-operation in some form with the Civic Exposition beginning May 15th.

The meeting then adjourned. Nine were present.

R. E. Gill.
Secretary.

1916. The rector presided at the April meeting of the Ladies Parish Aid and after prayer, the reports of the officers were read and approved. The treasurer's report gave as balance to date the sum of $357.58. In the absence of Mr. Head and until the arrival of the new sexton chosen to fill his place, Mr. Long has been doing double duty and should therefore receive additional pay. Dr. Washburn reported that he would therefore ~~because~~ for this reason call on the treasurer for more than the usual ten dollars a week salary until the few weeks that Mr. Long was filling Mr. Head's place.

Miss Abbott reported that a carpenter had been interviewed and had given the committee an estimate on the cost of closets for the down-stairs rooms of the Neighborhood. If five were put in the cost would be approximately $30 each. If only four it would be rather more. It was thought that there ~~room~~ would not be space ~~room~~ for

tory in the room containing the hot tables, therefore it might be better to have only four closets built. The matter was referred to Mrs. Washburn for ~~decision~~ conference with the committee. The fastening of closets was also left to their decision.

Miss Washburn reported that many of the books of the Sunday School library were very old fashioned and the children were not using it as they would if more modern books were provided. Accordingly it had been overhauled and it was thought many of the old books could be sold and new ones bought with the money realized. The committee would like very much to throw the library open to the children of the neighborhood and have them take books out for home reading. On motion it was carried that the Parish Aid treasurer be authorized to pay five dollars to the committee to help along the new venture.

A motion was made that the large table in the room in which our meetings

are held be re-covered and Mrs. Weisgerber was asked to take charge of the matter and have the table done up as economically as possible.

The meeting then adjourned. Eight were present.

R. E. Gill,
Secretary.

Six members only of the Parish Aid were present at the May meeting; in the absence of the rector and the Vice-chairman, the secretary presided. After prayers, the reports of secretary and treasurer were read and approved, balance on hand in the treasury to date being $375.20

It was reported that the closets ordered were being installed; a dark stain instead of a white finish had been ordered, this being included in the original estimate of the cost; a white enamel finish would have been considerably more expensive.

Some discussion followed in regard to the untidiness of the kitchen, but it was agreed that no further protest about its unsatisfactory condition could be made to Mrs. Wagner and the lunch room people at the present time.

Mrs. Weisgerber made a report as to the cost of putting the large table in the meeting room of the Neighborhood

House in order. She wished to get further estimates; on motion it was agreed to leave the matter entirely in her hands without further consultation with the committee. It was recommended that the wood-work of said table be re-finished if the cost was not much greater than it would be for re-covering only.

The Treasurer read an annual report, after which adjournment was made until October.

R. E. Gill
Sec'y.

No elections were held, the present officers being simply retained for the ensuing year.

Oct. 1916. The Parish Aid of Christ Church ~~next~~ had its first meeting of the fall in October, the rector presiding. After prayers, the minutes of the May meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report was read and accepted. The balance on hand to date, October seventh, was $140.80

The conditions in the lunch room came in for a large share of discussion. There was an improvement in cleanliness in the kitchen, but the hot water supply was inadequate for the cleaning necessary. The committee were behind in making payment on the gas bill, they owe about two hundred dollars for their share of gas used and it is a question whether they will be able to pay this very soon, as the lunch room does not pay for itself at present.

Mrs. Donaldson was asked to have a talk with Mrs. Wagner about their future plans, if the lunch room is to

continue. She suggests that more ~~heating~~ apparatus for hot water be installed. Thirty-eight dollars of open balance, being Mrs. Louts gift to the lunch room, might be used for this purpose.

The Rector asked the women present to consider whether they could raise money necessary to provide an assistant sexton; also whether they could help to pay the vestry for the payment advanced for gas used in the lunch room. It was very necessary that we should take some steps for raising money this Fall.

Mrs. Smith reported that she had made some inquiries in regard to some very necessary repairs needed in the hall. The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill. Secy.

The rector opened the November meeting of the Parish Aid with prayer, after which the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved.
The treasurer reported four dollars received this month in dues, making a balance on hand to date of $144.80
The rector reported for Mrs. Donaldson, who was absent, that she had had a talk with Mrs. Wagner and there was no intention whatever on the part of the main committee at the Alcott house to discontinue the lunch room at the Neighborhood House. She would like to resign as chairman of this committee but as the rector did not care to accept her resignation in her absence, it was laid over for future action. He suggested a conference of the committees before our next Parish Aid meeting.
The secretary reported that a rummage sale would be held the following Saturday to raise money to carry on the suppers for the Girls Friendly Society

during the year.
The rector reported that a residence for the sexton was being planned near the church. This when finished would do away with the need for an assistant at the Neighborhood House, as he would be near enough to care both for it and the church. At present however, Mr. Merz was much over-taxed, especially because of the necessity of being at the Neighborhood House in the evenings. Dr. Washburn would like to have funds appropriated from this society for providing an assistant sexton to fill the need until the house for our sexton is ready. The stairway, hall and upper room should also be plastered and finished and he urged the women to get together and raise money for this purpose. He thought the committee should try to raise a thousand dollars. The rector reported the encouraging beginning of the Men's Club, which has re-organized and is meeting very

gratifyingly every week in the basement
of the Neighborhood House.
The meeting then adjourned.
R. E. Gill.
Sec'y.

The December meeting of the Parish Aid was opened by the rector with prayer. Nine (13) were present. The reports of officers were read and approved, the treasury having a balance of — 691.80 the result of pledges made to the fund at the meeting held at the rector's house in November.

The secretary read letters received from Mrs. Seeds and Mrs. MacFarland accepting their election as members with also a verbal message from Mrs. Belfield to the same effect, though she will not be able to be active at present. Mrs. Keith declined election.

The secretary also reported the meeting held at Mrs. Washburn, at which pledges were made or money given for the finishing of part of the Heigh-

borhood House and the increase of the treasury to the amount of $535. At this executive meeting Mrs. Smith presided and Mrs. Wetherill & Mrs. Weisgerber were appointed a committee to get an estimate from a carpenter to plaster and finish the back hall, with power to proceed to have the work done without delay provided the amount for the same did not exceed
Nominations were made as reported above
$80. Mrs. Donaldson resigned her chairmanship of the Lunch Room committee and Miss Abbott accepted. It was recommended that an effort be made to replace the young women who served last year as volunteers volunteer cashiers by members of the Junior League and thus decrease the expense of running the lunch room.

Miss Abbott reported that she had had a talk with Mrs. Wagner (?) and that the main committee at the Alcott House were unaware of the debt for gas and

they had stated they would certainly expect to pay their share of the gas used. Miss Abbott spoke of the very successful Thanksgiving party arranged for the girls of the lunch room and how enjoyable it had been. She reported the lunch room walls very much in need of doing up and some discussion took place as to the merits of a wash or a paper. The matter was referred to Miss Abbott.

The rector reported that the back hall was in process of being plastered. Two estimates as to cost had been furnished and the workman chosen seems to promise well.

It was moved and seconded that the rector obtain estimates for finishing the hall way in the Neighborhood House and doing some necessary

carpentering. On motion it was resolv-
ed to appropriate $175 from the
general fund for this purpose.
The rector asked to be given money
for the payment of an assistant
janitor. $100 was voted for this pur-
pose. He also stated his feeling that
our very valuable parish visitor should
be given a larger salary. One hundred
dollars was voted given to the rector
to be used for this purpose.

Dr. Washburn notified the meeting
that the Woman's Auxiliary of the diocese
wished to hold their all day Epiphany meeting
at Christ Church and to take luncheon
at the Neighborhood House on Thursday,
January 25th. A committee consisting
of Mrs. Gell, chairman, Miss Abbott,
Mrs. Wetherill, Miss Coles and Mrs.
Donaldson was appointed to confer
on the details.

R. E. Gell
Sec'y

1917
Jan. 10

The January meeting of the Ladies Parish Aid was presided over by the rector and nine were present. After prayers the reports of officers were read and approved. The treasurer's balance to date being $369.80

Dr. Washburn reported that the bill for plastering, $175, was already due. There would probably be an additional fifteen dollars for filling in cracks in walls, etc. which however the society would probably not be called upon to pay.

Estimates were being made on the cost of tinting the lunch room & fitting the walls with a railing to protect them from knocking out of the chairs, so no steps could be taken at the meeting in regard to doing up this particular room at present.

Dr. Washburn was so grateful to the women for the hundred dollars appropriated in December for Miss Corbell's salary. The assistant Janitor towards whose weekly wage the $100 appropriated

at the last meeting was to be devoted
had been obliged to give up the work
and a woman for scrubbing had
been employed instead whose wages
per day were less. Therefore the sum
of ten dollars per week was not being
paid out at present.
Dr. Washburn reported that the bill
for covering the table in our meeting room
had not been paid to Mrs. Weisgerber who
had attended to having it done. It was
moved that the bill be sent to the
treasurer at once for settlement.
A cheque for one hundred dollars
was received from Mrs. Madeira, repre-
senting the ^lunch room committee
at the Alcott House towards paying
for the two hundred dollars gas bill
incurred by the lunch room people
at the Neighborhood House and advanced
by the vestry of Christ Church.
A letter of thanks was received and
forwarded to our meeting from Mrs.

Wagner signed by a number of regular patrons of our lunch room, expressing their thanks and appreciation for the good food, service and treatment they had always found there in a somewhat extended experience. It was thought such a gracious act on the part of the girls should receive some acknowledgment, and the secretary was asked to write and express to them the thanks of the Parish Aid.

The committee on arrangement of the details connected with entertaining the women of the diocese at the Neighborhood House for lunch on the occasion of the all-day Epiphany meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary then made its report and some discussion as to ways and means then followed.

The rector reported that the Dorcas work for the Fall season had closed its work and had been accomplished in a satisfactory manner. The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill
Secretary

The small February meeting of the Parish Aid was called to order by the secretary in the absence of the rector. The reports of secretary and treasurer were read and approved. The balance in the treasury to date is $470.80; this includes a special gift from Mrs. Stout to the lunch room of one hundred dollars. $92 had been received from the luncheon given to the women of the diocese in the Neighborhood House on January 25th. Eighty dollars had been paid to Mrs Wagner for the food furnished. The money have been advanced by Dr. Washburn and repaid to him. Other small bills for printing, extra chairs and connecting the gas stoves upstairs had been paid. There was a small balance of $1.00 left in the treasury. A bill for silver, dishes, etc. to the amount of $12.44 had been settled by Mrs. Wagner and forwarded to us, asking us to forward re-imburse her for the

amount. On motion the secretary was asked to present the bill for payment to the treasurer, who was absent from the meeting, also the bill for decorations which had not yet been received was ordered paid when the amount should be learned. It was thought that the Womans Auxiliary of the parish would share some of the expense incurred for the extra dishes, etc. and Mrs. Weisgerber was asked to report the matter at their meeting.

A report was read from Miss Gill regarding the work of the library committee and thanking the Parish Aid for the money given them some months ago, with which they had purchased fully twenty books. The attendance for the library on Thursdays averaged about thirty five and the interest displayed was very gratifying. Miss Weisgerber told the children stories and they

sat spell-bound. She was experimenting with them in having them relate stories to her and offering a prize to the best story teller among them. It is planned to have the library opened Tuesday evenings for the girls of the Friendly. New books or partly used ones of the fairy story or animal book variety were much needed, also good novels, some of the readers were showing very good taste in rejecting the trashy variety. Suggestion was made that the public libraries might have some books to pass on as they get new ones to add to their collection and Miss Coles promised to write one or two notes to such asking for contributions.

Several of the women present wished some steps could be taken, without detracting from the hospitality of our historic church, to lessen the disturbance caused during our services, more especially the week day ones, by the noisy entrance of visitors and sight-seers.

Between the two services on Sunday too there is reason for complaint. It was suggested we might have a suitable tapestry such as is found in some churches hung upon the two doors.

Mrs. Gell suggested that it seemed to her very fitting that the Ladies Aid should keep in memory Miss Meredith who so dearly loved Christ Church and all belonging to it, by placing flowers on the altar once a year in remembrance of her. The members present thought this a good suggestion and suggested that the Sunday nearest her birthday would perhaps be a suitable time. (A letter of thanks from Miss Carroll for the hospitality extended to the Woman's Auxiliary at their Epiphany meeting, was read by the members) The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gell.
Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid was held at 11 o'clock on Thursday March 8 1917 in the Neighborhood House. The Rector presided. The members present were Mrs. Coles Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Smith Mrs. Washburn Miss Abbott Mrs. Christopher Wetherill and Mrs. Wetherill.

The meeting was opened with prayer. In the absence of the secretary the minutes were read by Mrs. Donaldson. The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Sullivan, was received and filed as follows:

February 14, 1917 Bal. on hand $470.80
" 16. " Check from Ladies Missy Society of Christ Church to Luncheon deficiency 21.
Total receipts $491.80

Disbursements
Feb. 19, 1917, Mrs. Wagner table ware for Auxiliary Luncheon $12.44
" 20. " Recovering table 10.
24 " Garrett Buchanan, Lowell 8.33
Total Expenditures 30.77

Balance on hand $461.03

In addition it was reported that the offering of February 25th amounting to $241.18, had been forwarded to the Treasurer making a total of $702.21 in hand.

It was reported that the work of finishing the hall on the first floor of the Neighborhood House had been done, and on motion it was resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the entire charge as follows: The Electrical work $41.88; balance for the plastering $15.00; a carpenters bill for $150.

The Rector read an analysis of the financial condition of the Parish showing how it transpired that we must raise a total of $2100. to meet current obligations in the Easter offering.

Upon motion it was resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to re-imburse the Rector for the salary of the care-taker to date and to advance the amount necessary to pay his wages to

July 1st, 1917, a total of $229.81.

Miss Abbott reported that at Mrs. Hedding's request she had attended a meeting of the Alcott Lunch Committee and was asked to inform the Ladies Aid that owing to the extra pressure of work at their new locality Mrs. Wagner would not be able to continue in charge of our Lunch Room after ~~March~~ May 1st.

If we decide to continue our Lunch Room, Mrs Wagner will assist by buying supplies and obtaining the same rates for food as she pays. The average attendance has been from 90 to 100. and on Thursdays 120., less than 100 cannot be made to pay. There are three employees at $4.00 per week each. As a possible head worker a Mrs Gordin, from the Drexel Institute is suggested. Cooking utensils, Etc. belonging to the Alcott House will be made over to Christ Church Lunch Room if it continues, otherwise they should be returned. The Alcott House Committee will meet on Wednesday

March 14 at 10.30, and will welcome some statement from us. It was suggested that we secure some expression of the desire of the young women who attend the Lunch Room and to consult with other possible friends such as Miss Sanbelle of the Consumer's League and the Managers of the Business Women's Christian League, and that our Committee meet on Monday at 11.30 in preparation for the conference with the Alcott House Committee on Wednesday.

The appended letter was read expressing the appreciation of the Executive Committee of the Women's Auxiliary on the occasion of their "All Day" meeting on Jan. 25.

On motion duly adopted the meeting adjourned.

Margaret L. Moritz
Secty Pro. Tem.

The April meeting of the Parish Aid was opened by the rector with prayer. Eight present. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved. The treasurer reported a total on hand of $355.83. $130 only had been paid towards salary of the care-taker and the rector was voted the money necessary to pay him to the end of the year.

The rector spoke of the gratifyingly large Easter offering, over $800 having been given; the Sunday School had raised about $600 for missions.

The vestry had met and passed resolutions pledging themselves to the sacred cause of liberty and offering the our buildings for any helpful purpose in connection with the war. The rector urged our co-operation with existing agencies in the work of caring for our soldiers & sailors, but primarily for bringing the spiritual uplift which Christian ideals and Christian living alone can bring to bear upon the problems

and difficulties of the present time. He urged our making the Neighborhood House in some way a centre of helpful activity in this time of our country's need.

Mrs. Smith reported a meeting with the main lunch-room committee at the Alcott House, at which it was decided that our lunch-room should be discontinued after the first of May. Owing to the increased cost of food and some falling off in attendance it could not be made to pay at present. Mrs. Wagner was willing to take over the fixtures if our committee thought it best though with them in the Neighborhood House it might be possible to re-open a lunch-room at a later time under more favorable conditions.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gilly
Sec'y.

The May meeting of the Parish Aid was unusually large, twenty-six persons being present to hear Mrs. Frazier tell us what could be undertaken as parish work to help the Episcopal Hospital. After prayers and the reports of the officers Dr. Washburn made a brief report concerning the activities of the Boys Club; the rector also told us that 200 Boy Scouts were to cultivate the waste places around the Episcopal Hospital during the summer.

Miss Cowell told briefly of the work of the Girls Friendly and of the Red Cross branch which had been started there.

Mrs. Frazier was then introduced and began her remarks by urging us not to give up any of the good work we were already carrying on to go into Red Cross or relief work. Multiplication of effort is not the way to help. We must be prepared to give up leisure

true to these good causes and not drop existing interests

There are four courses connected with the Red Cross work for the Episcopal Hospital. All their training except practice in nursing is given at the Red Cross headquarters. Social service is part of the Red Cross work visiting the homes of the poor and teaching them how to prepare good nourishing food in spite of the present prohibitive prices of much they have hitherto depended upon; also to look after the welfare of young girls and children in their hours out of school. The present high cost of living is forcing mothers into shops and factories and the young are in consequence left unguarded or exposed to the evils of the city streets. The social service part of Red Cross work is very important; we must see that our civilization is not undermined by these corrupting influences brought to bear on the poor chiefly through the pressure of economic conditions. Mrs. Hagier urged the study

of food values and dietetics as being most important.
She told us of the base hospital to go out from the Episcopal hospital, not for physical ministrations only, but for the moral rehabilitation also of the needy and oppressed in the devastated countries affected by the war. The government provides no uniforms for the orderlies, and Mrs. they wear muslin pajamas over their cloth suits when in service.
Mrs. Frazier suggested that the women present who were anxious to help the hospital might make these. The discussion as to details was taken up outside the meeting. Adjournment was then made. We closed the year's work with a balance in the treasury of $361.33

R. E. Gill, Sec'y.

Six members only of the Parish Aid were present at the October meeting. The rector presided and after the opening prayers, the reports of officers were read and approved. The balance in the treasury was the same sum as that with which we closed the years work in May, $361.33.

The rector reported that there had been two flourishing camps for the boys of the church maintained during the summer, also other fresh air work carried on for the refreshment of our poor. The rectory house adjacent to the church was also no longer a dream but an accomplished fact.

He urged the women present not to neglect the regular agencies of work in the church because of the demands of the Red Cross and other war societies created by the war. The best way to help the world in this present crisis was by laying the emphasis upon the spiritual ~~side~~ values which the church is set in our midst to develop; nothing

but real vital religion can heal the woes of the world and overcome its evils. programs and organizations, however perfect, cannot really change reach the heart of things wrong or make them permanently better.

The rector advised us to bring the personal touch to bear upon the little church family that is ours. by visiting the families of whose boys have gone into the service of their country, or by writing to those of our little group who are in the service or navy.

Dr. Washburn reported that there was still need for a lunch room in our neighborhood, and that the Business Woman's League had made some overtures to us to re-open ours, however as long as the factory girls near us continued to use it as a rest room during their lunch hour in such numbers, he would not urge the matter at the present time. The meeting then adjourned

R. E. Gell. Secy.

Very little business was transacted at the November meeting of the Parish Aid. The attendance being small, partly because of the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary falling on the following day.

The secretary's report was read and approved and in the treasurer's absence the report for the previous month stood with the balance on hand of $361.33.

Dr. Washburn spoke of the difficulty of getting the people to take weekly food cards and make a report each week upon them and asked the women present for suggestions as to how this could best be done. As the proposition for our church with our congregation is a big one, we decided to take no steps other than urging our people to take the cards, but to await and see if other churches took up the plan and their method of operations.

Mrs. Smith made a report for the committee on the reception given by the parish to Dr. Washburn on the sixth of the

month and a very appreciative letter was read from Dr. Washburn. It was decided to give ten dollars of the surplus money raised for the purpose of the missionary society of the church and the balance of $6.75 to the Red Cross branch of the Girls Friendly Society.

Miss Blakiston was proposed for membership with us and the church secretary was asked to send her a card giving the date of our next meeting.

Adjournment was then made.

R. E. Gill
Secretary.

P.S. Mrs. Gill made a report of the work of the Dorcas Society which had been finished for the year, sixty nine children of the Parish having been clothed at an expense of little more than $75.00. A large box of garments was received for our use from the Needlework Guild of Overbrook. The secretary also reported gratifying results from our efforts to help with the fair for St. Ambrose's mission. Total amount given or made by our church was $48.65

In the absence of the rector, the secretary presided at the December meeting of the Parish Aid. The minutes were read and approved. No report being received from the treasurer, the balance of $361.33 for last month stands.

The chairman read a letter received from the secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary thanking the Parish Aid for their gift of ten dollars and stating that it had been used to provide a box of winter clothing for the mountaineers of the South.

A report was made on the sale for the Friendly, the amount raised $21 being smaller than last year. However, as the girls have no paid teachers this season but are doing Red Cross work, Miss Cowell hoped the money thus raised, plus that on hand, would be sufficient to meet the expenses of the suppers for at least most of the year.

An auxiliary to the Girls' Friendly chapter of the Red Cross meets Thursday

morning in the Neighborhood House, and those present were invited to come and help. As the Parish Aid feels rather bound to help the Episcopal Hospital since making a resolution to do so last spring provided there are any special needs we can meet, Mrs. Catherall was asked to get information on this point. She consented to do so through the assistant rector.

Increase of membership was urged, so many women who ought to be interested in the work of the parish do not attend our meetings and if each one would try to get two others it would help greatly to extend the interest.

Miss Blakiston sent word that she could not meet with us at present owing to illness in the family.

Miss Washburn reported that the rector would appreciate it if the women would undertake more oversight over the care of the building. Various suggest-

ions were made as to how our committee could co-operate with Mr. Merty in having the building cleaned up and cared for. It was decided to begin with the kitchen and accept an estimate offered for our consideration through a friend of the janitors, provided his charges for doing up the walls, etc of kitchen and wash-room did not exceed forty dollars. Mrs. Smith was willing to take the matter up with the contractor, with power to act.

Some discussion took place in regard to the Parish Aid having the Neighborhood House thoroughly cleaned twice a year; it seemed sufficient help to give the janitor, who should be equal then to keeping the building in order. No action was taken, but the women present agreed to each one look after the cleanliness of the building as opportunity offered. Mrs Donaldson asked to be relieved of committee work this winter, as she is looking after the interests of the families

of publicity men for the government, the meeting then adjourned. R. E. Bell, Sec'y.

The rector presided at the January meeting of the Parish Aid: and after prayers, the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. The treasurer's balance $366.41 to date showed interest on bank balance from May to October amounting to $8.08 (to date $366.41)

The work ordered done in kitchen and wash-room was reported satisfactorily finished. Dr. Washburn reiterated his desire that the Neighborhood House should be used in every possible way at the present time when it is so hard for the poor to get coal. It had been a great pleasure to be able to get some coal to distribute among our poor people and the rector was inclined to give away if necessary what we had for our own use to help them in their necessity. The women present voted him full discretion in the matter.

The rector would like to reach the

Sailors on the Vine St. Pier and have them use the house for recreation. There being no one present from the Episcopal Hospital to make a report to us on its needs, the meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gell.
Secretary.

The Parish Aid met in the Neighborhood House on Wednesday, February sixth. Dr. Washburn opened the meeting with prayer. The reports were then read and approved, the treasurer's balance being $329.41.

The rector stated that he had been approached by the authorities in regard to closing the church in order to save coal. Some of the uptown churches were meeting together, but there was no church we could hold union services with in our section. No action was taken, but the opinion of those present seemed to be that the present arrangement of heating the church only one day (Sunday) in the week met all necessary requirements - the needed.

Mrs. Wriggsleber reported that dishes for the kitchen could be bought for $17; some extra glasses should be added to these. She was authorized to place the order at once, in order that we might have

the things in time for the pure food dinner to be given in the Neighborhood House the following evening.
Mrs. Smith reported that the cleaning had been done & the bill for the four days work would be sent to the treasurer for payment. Mrs. Smith had looked at new rugs for the chancel, in view of the anticipated visit of the Archbishop of York, everything in the church should be at its best. Oriental rugs were too expensive at the present time, but good domestic rugs could be bought reasonable. The matter was left in Mrs. Smiths hands with power to act, and to ask some one to go with her to help make the selection. The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill.
Sec'y.

The March meeting of the Ladies Parish Aid was ~~presided over~~ opened by the rector. The reports were read and approved, the treasurer's balance to date being $260.21

. Dr. Washburn spoke of the approaching visit of the Archbishop of York and how necessary it was to have admission to the service by card in order that representative people who wished to hear him might be accommodated comfortably.

An appeal had been made for the churches ruined by the fire in Halifax. The rector appointed three representatives from our meeting ~~to attend it~~, Mrs. Coale Mrs. Smith and Miss Abbott, to attend an organization meeting for the purpose of raising money for this object.

The sexton requested that he be provided with extra help for two weeks in order that he might give the church a thorough cleaning, also put the Neighborhood House in order. Twenty dollars was voted for this purpose.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill
Secy.

The secretary presided at the April meeting of the Parish Aid; after prayers, the reports of secretary and treasurer were read and approved. In the absence of the rector, no business was transacted; but some discussion took place in regard to providing a Liberty Bond for the purpose of keeping the old burial ground in better condition, after which the meeting adjourned.

R. E. Gill, Sec'y.

The May meeting of the Parish Aid was presided over by the rector. After prayers, the reports of officers were read and approved. The balance to date in the treasury was given to May 1st and amounted to $344.65. (344.55)

The Treasurer read an annual report, ~~but~~ As there as never been an annual meeting for the election of officers, it was also omitted this year.

A liberty bond for fifty dollars having been taken out by members of the Parish Aid, to be given with one of the same amount from the Woman's Auxiliary for the up-keep of Christ Church Grave-Yard, it was turned over at the meeting through the rector to the ~~proper~~ vestry (?)

This was not turned over until the October meeting

One hundred dollars was voted to Dr. Washburn for the increase of Miss Cowell's salary.

The rector stated that there was great need for chairs in the upper rooms of the Neighborhood House. A committee was appointed to take the matter up.

with power to call on the Treasurer for payment to the amount of sixty dollars.

Dr. Washburn that he would very much like to have the women vote some small sum of money to Miss Ellecott, who was shortly going over seas to represent our church through her work at one of the base hospitals in France, that she might spend for the relief of our soldiers there. It was unanimously agreed to send her twenty five dollars, the secretary being asked to write a note accompanying the cheque stating that the women of the Parish Aid would be glad to co-operate with her later if she would write to let them know of some need which they might help supply.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Hill.
Sec'y.

The October meeting of the Ladies Parish Aid was held on the ninth, the rector presiding; five were present. The reports were read and approved, one slight correction being made in the minutes for the May meeting.[+] The balance in the treasury to date is $163.02

See May minutes.

A letter from Miss Ellicott was read. The rector advised that the Parish Aid concentrate on some form of relief work for the coming winter, either connected with the war or present needs in the community. The Liberty Loan needed help. Mrs. Bradford had undertaken to secure subscriptions for the church and we might co-operate in some way and help raise the ten million dollars it was planned that Episcopalians should give.

He spoke of the ravages of the influenza epidemic among our own people, and of the overcrowding of the Episcopal Hospital which was taking some of our cases.

The women present decided that the

most practical way to help was to give fifty dollars to the hospital to help them meet their increased expenses. It was moved and carried that fifty dollars should be sent through Mrs Washburn, who kindly offered to forward it to the proper authorities. It was decided to send a notice of dues to our members and with this ask for gifts of money for the hospital which is in such need in the present crisis.

It was decided ~~to~~ ~~try~~ each thrift to encourage some of the ~~poorer~~ poorer members of the parish especially to take small bonds in the Liberty Loan, as we had opportunity to do so, but that we could not as a body do much more.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill, Secy.

The November meeting of the Parish Aid was held in connection with that of the Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church at the time of their regular monthly meeting, the two bodies having been called together by the rector, who presided, to consider the Advent call to prayer.

The reports of the officers were read and approved, the balance to date in the treasury being $178.52. Dues and donations to the amount of $65 had been received since the previous meeting in dues and donations. An acknowledgment from Bishop Garland for money received from the Parish Aid was mentioned, the fifty dollars sent him after our previous meeting having been used for a children's emergency hospital.

The rector reported that the Red Cross bandage class held last year in the Neighborhood House had been discontinued, but one of its chapters was now making use of rooms in the building.

The money received for the special appeal made by the Red Cross in the Fall had been more than subscribed, $167.30 having been given, also every requirement in the way of materials had been met.

The Rector spoke of the Advent Call for prayer, so much needed at this crisis in the affairs of the world and asked for a committee of at least ten women who would go into the homes of members of the parish asking them to pledge themselves to co-operate in the plan to make the season of Advent a time of special and universal prayer for the problems of reconstruction and the peace of the world.

Miss Blakiston was appointed chairman to discuss with the women who volunteered on this committee plans for carrying out its aims at a later meeting.

Dr. Washburn spoke of the desire he felt to make the Neighborhood House a pleasant centre for the sailors in our section of the city. Mr. Frey. The

rector's assistant, was planning to be there once a week for a social evening with the men and he would be glad to have co-operation in helping entertain them.

The rector spoke of his conviction that a big dinner for the poorer members of our church family would be a wiser and better way to keep Thanksgiving than the time-honored one of giving a basket of eatables. His ideas met with the hearty endorsement of those present and plans were made to carry out the details.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gell.
Sec'y.

1919

The January meeting of the women's Parish Aid was held ~~in conjunction~~ jointly with that of the Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church, the rector presiding. The reports of the officers were read and approved, the balance in the treasury to date being $178.53.

Mrs. Gill reported for the Dorcas society that the work was finished for the season, fifty four children having been provided with underwear and one hundred and seventy four garments having been received from the Overbrook branch of the Needlework Guild for distribution.

It was voted that we should continue to help with the salary for the parish visitor.

Dr. Washburn reported that the Home Service branch of the Red Cross was making use of the Neighborhood House for carrying on its work.

The rector then took up the plan

of the Every Member campaign and urged us to try to enlist the interest of every communicant in the parish in the call to prayer and service. He outlined some of the ways in which such a campaign would work out in our parish and was followed by the Rev. Mr. Stowell who spoke of the deep spiritual purpose it was designed to accomplish.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill, Secy.

The rector called a special meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Parish Aid of Christ Church, on February 26th in the interest of the Every Member campaign. No business was transacted, but a number of suggestions were made for future action. Thirteen members were present.

Dr. Washburn reported that the outside of the Neighborhood House had been painted through the kindness of Mr. Belfield, who was also making fine progress in raising a fund of $1000.00 for putting the graveyard in repair. The rector wished a house-keeping committee to co-operate with Mr. Belfield for the doing-up of walls and wood-work inside the Neighborhood House. Two radiators had been put in for the use of the Southeastern Chapter of the Red Cross now meeting in the north end of the building. A

house-keeping committee was needed to superintend some small repairs, also to report on the condition of the gas stove and whether or not a new one would be necessary.

A suggestion had been made that the women of Christ Church provide the bedding for the four beds endowed for the church's use at the Episcopal Hospital, the money originally left for an endowment fund being now entirely inadequate to meet present day obligations.

A letter from the Church Woman's Society asked that delegates might be sent to a meeting at Holy Trinity church called to protest against the evil housing conditions in our city. Mrs. Donaldson and Mrs. Weisgerber were appointed to attend and report on conditions in this neighborhood.

The rector spoke of the good work being done through Mr. Gray among

the sailors and enlisted men on Thursday evenings and urged the women present to attend some of these meetings, which would however have to be changed to another night during Lent.

Dr. Washburn then went very fully into the purpose of the Every Member campaign with its three weeks of work and prayer to be given to our responsibility as members of the parish, the diocese and citizens of the world at large. He emphasized the need of getting hold of the careless and indifferent among our members and some suggestions were made as to the best way of reaching those in our own parish. Plans for an open meeting were discussed. Adjournment was then made.

R. E. Gill
Secy.

The Parish Aid meeting of Christ Church met on March 11th, the Rector presided. After prayers, the usual order of business was followed, the officers reports being approved. $168.77 was the balance to date in the treasury. Thirteen were present.

The rector reported a meeting of the parish on the following Friday evening, at which it was hoped a large number would be present. How to reach our people and make them realize their responsibilities for service was a very real problem and the rector asked that we discuss methods of meeting it. What was the best way?

He suggested papers ~~prepared~~ prepared by the secretaries or heads of all parish societies should be read at the evening meeting, believing that a better knowledge of all that is being done in the way of service in ~~our~~ world stimulate interest on the part of those unacquainted with the very useful work being carried on in our parish.

Mrs. Smith was elected vice-chairman

to ~~transact business~~ preside at the executive part of our meeting in the absence of the rector.

Miss Ashton and Miss Abbott were appointed by the vice-chairman to visit the Episcopal Hospital and get some information as to their especial needs, as the Parish Aid is considering helping the hospital with money or supplies.

Mrs. Smith agreed to help Mrs. Gill on the house-keeping committee, to confer with the Rector about putting the gas stove in repair and other small matters which need attention in the Neighborhood House. This committee will be enlarged when needed to confer with Mr. Belfield about the interior painting, etc. he is planning to have done.

It was suggested that a list of women be prepared in the autumn who would be willing to take a month or more service each on the house keeping committee.+ The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill
Secy.

+ It was decided to send out envelopes, signed by the Treasurer, as a reminder to ~~members~~ our parishioners of the approaching collection for funds for the Parish Aid.

1919 April — A joint meeting of the Parish Aid with the Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church met in April, eleven ten being present. Reports of officers were read, after the opening prayers, and were both approved, the treasurer giving the balance on hand to the credit of the society, from church collections, at $327.95. Sixteen were present. Miss Ashton made a full financial report for the United Offering, also for the Woman's Auxiliary, the sum taken in for the former during the season just closed being larger than ever before.

Balance May 24) ($193.80 + church offering. = Total $521.75

The rector reported for the every member campaign that about 600 cards had been sent out to our members, but only about 117 definite pledges having been received. A meeting had been held Friday evening in the Neighborhood House which had been very helpful, short reports being read from each society giving details of the very interesting and uplifting work being carried on in our parish.

Dr. Washburn stated that he should like to make the Parish Aid a clearing house for all the women's work of the parish. The recent ~~collection~~ offering taken for our work should be shared with these after consultation with the workers in the Altar Guild, the G.F.S. and the Mothers' meeting as to the sum needed to carry on such work, over and above that raised among ~~their~~ the members within each society. The rector believed such a plan would avoid duplication of appeals from the chancel.

The rector spoke of the work of the daily vacation Bible school and its need for help: also of the plan to make the approaching two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Christ Church a big celebration in the diocese. A good history of all that Christ Church has been to the community since its early beginning was yet to be written and the rector would think this one of the best ways to ~~celebrate~~ commemorate its continuing influence.

from 1695 up to the present.

Mrs. Smith then took the chair. A vote of thanks was moved to the Misses Washburn for their help in sending out notices in regard to the Parish Aid offering also to Mr. Meng for putting the gas stove in the kitchen in such good order by giving it a coat of paint.

Mrs. Gill reported that Mr. Heardinger had made the necessary repairs without charge and she was authorized to write him a letter of thanks expressing the appreciation of our society. A motion was made and approved that a small linoleum rug be purchased for the floor of the kitchen.

Miss Ashton reported visiting the Episcopal Hospital and conferring with the head nurse in regard to the best way to help supply their needs. A letter was read from the matron giving a list of articles our society might furnish but after some discussion, it was moved

and carried that the appropriation for this purpose, as well as for the salary fund be held over until our next meeting. When it was proposed that Miss Chorlf and Miss Blakestone should meet with us and the needed sums for carrying on their work should first be set aside. Miss Washburn reporting that twenty five dollars with the funds for the Altaf chapter already on hand would probably meet all the needs of the Chapter for the coming year, this sum was ordered paid to the society; also the following:

$5 towards making up expense of printing for the Every Member campaign;

$12 to Stetson's for repairing piano.

A sum not to exceed five dollars would be given to help erect a booth to be used in the Victory Loan campaign just inaugurated if it was decided to build one. The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill. Secy.

The annual meeting of the Parish Aid was called on June 3rd this year, instead of in May as heretofore; five were present. The secretary's report and that of the treasurer were read and filed.

The rector spoke of the approaching anniversary of the founding of Christ Church and asked for consideration of the most suitable time of year to celebrate it. He hoped the women of the parish would get together and undertake some special work by way of celebration. One way of memorializing the event would be to finish the interior of the Neighborhood House and to

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build on the third story. the building had been left in an unfinished state for so long and necessity be left so for a few months until labor gets back to normal. As it is being increasingly used, not only by the parish but by organizations outside, it should be put in suitable shape. No part of the service it has done to others has gratified the rector more than the part it has played in showing hospitality to the enlisted men of army and navy.

A memorial tablet dedicated to the men from our congregation who went out from us to enter into the great war was being designed and made ready for unveiling

probably on July fourth.
The meeting voted to leave over making the donation to the Episcopal Hospital until Fall, but the following sums were ordered paid;
$100 to the rectors order for Miss Cowell's salary;
$50 to Miss Cowell for the work of the Girls' Friendly. The balance needed to finish meeting necessary expenses for the season 1919-1920 to be paid later in the year;
$50 donation to the work of the Daily Vacation Bible School;
$30 to Miss Blakiston for the mothers' meeting;
$1.50 for shades for kitchen (purchased through Mr. Heny.)

The meeting then adjourned until autumn.

R. E. Gill
Sec'y.

1920
Jan.

The Parish Aid has had no regular meeting since June to the present date, except as it met with the Woman's Auxiliary or with other women workers of the parish to discuss the plans for carrying on the Nation-wide campaign. With such a big movement afoot and the necessity for calling the women together about it the rector has felt it wise to avoid the duplication of meetings and hence has not called us together for specific parish purposes.

At the January meeting with the Woman's Auxiliary, it was moved and seconded that the Parish Aid pay for some paper tablecloths ordered for the Thanksgiving dinner and the Treasurer was authorized to meet the bill for the same, which amounts to eight dollars.

R. E. Gell
Secretary.

At the meeting in December of the Parish Council the treasurer reported the balance on hand to be $289. A vote taken of those present authorized her to pay the bill of $100 for installing the dumb waiter in the kitchen; also for the new stove which cost $38 (?)

The house-keeping committee asked for shades and screen for the wash room in the Neighborhood House. Miss Abbott chairman was given power to purchase whatever is needed. It was voted that Mr. Mery should have a helper, it being impossible for one man to keep both church and Neighborhood House in a satisfactory condition.

Minutes. 1921.

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The Rector reported the sum of $42,484 as the total expenditure of the parish for the year past, with $12,337 still available for expenditure on the Neighborhood House. A balance of $973 in the general account of the parish marks this past year as the first which has closed without a deficit in the treasury.

Dr. Washburn stated that it was now the time at the beginning of a new year to re-apportion the church funds and to make any needed changes in the budget. Up to this time, our society has been getting four hundred dollars a year: is this sufficient? If not, what amount is needed? No action was taken. The rector wished the committee would make it their aim to finish the Neighborhood House and to furnish it adequately. Chairs are much needed. Miss Blakeston made a report of the work of the Mothers' meeting and Miss Cowell one for the Girls' Friendly Society. The money secured through the church goes toward the expenses of that Society, providing suppers, teachers etc for the girls. Money for missions or for charity must be provided by some other means. This year there is to be a rummage sale as soon as a sufficient number of articles can be collected.

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Acting Secretary.

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The Budget for the coming year appropriates for the work of this society $500.00 -

A request was presented by Dr. Washburn from the Northern Convocation for three active representatives from this parish to that body.

The following needs were presented:—Equipment for Entertainments, such as stage extension and curtain, furniture ~~and~~ (especially chairs) throughout the house, books and chairs for the choir, etc. A motion was carried authorizing the expenditure of $100.00 by Mr. Weisgerber for stage equipment.

Dr. Washburn asked those present to inspect the condition of the building and ~~consider~~ advise upon improvements needed.

A motion was made and carried whereby the name of the Society was changed from

The Ladies' Aid to that of ~~the~~ "Parish Council," and whereby the necessary amendments to the By Laws due to such change were authorized. ~~The Parish Council~~ The Parish Council, in accordance with the ~~new~~ re-organization throughout the Church, will represent every working organization of women in the parish, and act as a clearing house for the work of all. Election of officers was postponed to the next meeting. As a result of the annual election of officers for the Ladies' Missionary Society, the following report was made: Miss Harriet Ashton, president; Miss Bradford, treasurer; Miss Katharine Childs, secretary.

Dr. Washburn reported that Chap. II of the Colonial Dames of Penna. has made itself responsible for $900.00 for the erection (of a memorial tablet to Bishop Compton) (in Christ Church) and that an offering from St Peter's Church,

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amounting to $90.^{00} had been ~~taken~~ made as a memorial to Bp. Compton. It was suggested that ~~St. Peter's~~ this latter be forwarded to the Colonial Dames to be amalgamated with that fund, if agreeable to all concerned. ~~the authorities in St. Peter's~~

Miss Coles stated that Second Mrs. Markoe had decided to give the necessary funds for ~~plan Regarding ivy growing on the tombstones in the churchyard~~ beautifying the churchyard.

Dr. Washburn asked for helpers for Miss Blakiston's work in the Mothers Meeting and also ~~that~~ assistance be given in canvassing ~~the~~ parish. The canvass by mail left much to be done as there were only 100 responses to the circular letters sent out. Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) Henrietta Washburn Sec. Pro Tem.

1922
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A stated meeting of the Parish Council was held Tuesday, Jan. 17th 1922 with the President in the chair.

The minuits of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of $225.84, the expenses for the month having been $97.33. It was moved and seconded that her report be accepted.

Miss Abbott reporting for the house committee said that the shades would cost $75. She also suggested that the shades should only be put up in basement when necessary, as the playing

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of basketball would be very hard on them. Miss Abbott was authorized to have a box made to keep them in, if there was not a suitable box already in the Neighborhood House

There was considerable discussion as to whether to continue with the cleaning man and woman. Everybody seemed to feel that the place was much cleaner and that it was advisable to continue the cleaning for another month at least.

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Miss Bradford reported for the Altar Guild. She made an appeal for workers and also stated that there were a number of Sundays still unprovided for with flowers.

Miss Cowell reported for the Girls Friendly. A kitchen garden is to be started for the children. Money will be needed for this work, but it seemed to be advisable to wait a month and see if it proves to be a success. Rummage sale is to be held on Feb. 6 th.

Mrs. Carpenter reported for the Church Periodical

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Club. She made an appeal for magazines, books & Xmas cards.

Miss Coles suggested that we have some good postals taken of the church both inside and out and place them for sale in the rear of the church.

On motion the meeting adjourned

K. M. Childs
Sec Pro-Tem-

Feb. 14 Treas. bal. 208.01 –
Left to discretion of comm. whether or not to keep on extra workers – Wise to reduce if possible without injustice to any one – \$52.50 on rummage sale & mothers only purchasers – Kitchen garden service to be a success – It will cost \$10 a month. Carried for this month. 53 women 7 children at supper [illegible] mothers ~~at~~ [illegible] last night – Very successful. Altar Guild reports everything ready. [illegible] [illegible] Took a [illegible] Sunday. New recruits wanted. (Mrs Stafford) Miss Coles – Periodical Club. Rush hospital 185 –
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The cost of maintaining extra helpers for cleaning the church and Neighborhood House was discussed. It was decided that it would be wise to reduce the present force if this could be done without injustice to any one, but the committee in charge were given power to act in the matter according to their best judgment.

Miss Cowell reported that the rummage sale given for the benefit of the work of the Friendly had been very successful, bringing in the sum of $52.25. The kitchen garden recently started seemed to interest the younger members; it would cost $10 a month to carry it on. This amount was voted given for the current month.

Miss Blakiston reported an enthusiastic gathering at the Mother's meeting and supper given just prior to the meeting of the Parish Council. She would appreci-

as visitors, also helpers if they were really interested in this personal work.

The Altar Guild made a plea for new recruits. Two vacant Sundays were taken as memorial days. Mrs. Sheppard said she would be glad to help after the eleven o'clock service.

Dr. Washburn urged again very strongly that this committee work for the completion of the Neighborhood House in every way possible, by agitating the subject, as well as by raising the extra money necessary.

Mrs. Carpenter reported for the Periodical Club that she was making good progress in getting both periodicals and members but she preferred not to give a detailed report until later. 155 papers, magazines etc. had been sent to the Rush Hospital and eight regular subscribing members had been obtained.

R. E. Gill.

1922

March 21 – At the March meeting of the Parish Council, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of $185.57, expenditures for the month being $22.44. The sum of $500 received from Church funds yearly is paid in monthly instalments of fifty dollars each, excepting in July and August.

Miss Cowell reported for the Girls Friendly. The sum of twenty dollars to carry on the work of the kitchen garden until it is given up in May was voted paid through the treasurer in two amounts of ten dollars for each month.

Miss Blakiston reported that there had been but two meetings of the mothers since the middle of February, the Lenten Thursday evening services taking the place. One of the faithful attendants at these meetings has died recently.

The house committee has had no meeting since our last: one of the helpers to the sexton has been discontinued.

Dr. Washburn reported that the administration group of the Episcopal Christ Church Hospital is to use part of our building for an office; also that the vestry have decided to put the top story upon the Neighborhood House during the summer. This will involve raising ten thousand dollars — or rather nine, one being already promised — or putting a mortgage for that amount upon the property.

A letter asking for the gift of one dollar to be used towards the building fund of the church, was received from St. Mark's Episcopal Guild Ohio. This was voted sent.

The secretary was authorized to send a letter of sympathy from our society to one of our members in grief.

Money necessary to purchase a dozen new chairs was authorized given to the house committee, to be used to replace some in the Neighborhood House, Miss Coles and Mrs. ~~Newbold~~ Armond have the matter in charge.

Adjournment was then made.

R. E. Tell.

stated meeting of the Parish Council was held Tuesday. April 18th with the President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Miss Cowell reported for the Girls' Friendly. Their work was going on as usual. The service for admission to the Girls' Friendly had been held since our last meeting

As Miss Blakiston was not present there was no report from the Mother's Meeting.

The treasurer reported that the expenses for the past month had been $70 this included the purchase of a dozen chairs for the Neighborhood House. There is a balance on hand of $112. It was moved and seconded

that her report be accepted

It was moved and seconded that we continue to employ the woman cleaner in the Neighborhood House for another month.

Miss Childs reported for the Altar Guild. She asked that a woman be engaged to launder the Altar linens. It was moved and seconded that this be done and that the kneeling cushions around the communion rail be repaired.

Mrs. Smith reported for the Church Periodical Club.

Miss Childs reported a Garden Party to be held at Wych on June 8th under the auspices of the Woman's Aid to the Convocation of North Philadelphia and asked for

contributions of useful and fancy articles.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Miss K. Childs
Sec'y pro. tem.

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The May meeting was held jointly with the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs Smith in the chair; the treasurer reported a balance of $188.57

After some discussion, it was decided to retain Mrs. Nowack for cleaning during the summer months: also that we should hold our first meeting in the Fall in the third week of September instead of October as heretofore.

Miss Cowell reported that the work of the kitchen garden had been satisfactory and that five dollars only would be needed to carry it on to the close of the season.

Dr. Washburn told of the plans pending to add the top floor to the Neighborhood House. The bid which would probably be accepted called for an outlay of $22000: about $19000 only was on hand. We were urged in the Fall to get together and raise the deficit, also to be prepared with suggestions as to the best way to portion out the floor space, rooms, etc.

The rector also outlined his plans for getting hold of the people of the parish and winning more co-operation along all lines of work carried on by the Church. He would like to call a parish meeting and have papers prepared to be read on that occasion concerning the status, work and future plans of the parish and get these out among our communicants in the hope of enlisting their help and enthusiasm.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Gill.
Secy. pro tem.

Parish Council.

In spite of the fact that the various organizations which compose the Parish Council make their individual reports, the Council as a unit has much to record in the way of accomplishment during this past year. The annual Parish Roll-Call, so ably conducted last Fall under the leadership of Miss Esther Ashton, is now in process of being made for the coming year. A group of some ten or twelve ladies are calling personally upon the entire list of communicants scattered widely over the city and suburbs and urging them to a fuller participation in the life and work of the church. As a result of the canvass last year, several volunteers came forward to help in the various departments. We hope for the same result from this meeting. The reports will show that those already working

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are accomplishing much. It is well to state here that yet more could be done to meet the needs around us if everyone would give a fuller measure of service, and ~~particularly~~ those who are not helping in any department would identify themselves with us.

During the summer, the Ladies assisted in fitting up this room for use as a temporary chapel, while the Church proper was undergoing repairs. There have been installed in the Tower Room of the Church new bookcases, given by Miss Coles as a memorial to one of the Council's founders and true friends, Mrs. Edward Coles.

We record with sorrow the loss of one of our most able members, Mrs. Belfield, whose gracious presence and untiring helpfulness are greatly missed.

3. Mrs. Gill, who has for fourteen years directed the work of the Dorcas Society has felt obliged ~~to~~ resign from that office. We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of her faithful service, and our gratification that the work is being so beautifully carried on by Mrs. Sheppard and Mrs. Hall.

The outstanding accomplishment of the Council during the past months has been the raising of over $3,000 for ~~the completion~~ of the Neighborhood House. Mrs. William Penn-Gaskell Hall, with Mrs. Duer and Mrs. Arnett from outside the parish, formed a Committee on a Garden Fête and Musicale which was held, through the kindness of Mrs. George Woodward, at her place in Chestnut Hill, early in May. Mrs. Hall also arranged an entertainment on a smaller scale at the rooms

of the Colonial Dames - Mrs. George Fales Baker of Rosemont generously loaned her house and grounds in Rosemont for a Musical Tea in June, Mrs. Alexander Coxe secured contributions from the various patriotic societies, the Church School gave a Strawberry Festival, and several of the ladies gave small entertainments and secured individual contributions. It was a period of splendid effort and notable achievement, and the thanks of all are extended to those who so capably managed the various enterprises. Now that the exterior of the building is completed, the finishing of the interior will be begun.

NNC - Canvass.

The annual effort on the part of the ~~Episcopal~~ Church throughout the nation to rouse itself to fresh consecration and greater effectiveness, gives us ~~another~~ opportunity as a parish to do likewise. We, who are privileged to be members of this great, historic church with its unusual mission in this vital neighborhood are coming increasingly to

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the full realization of our unplumbed potentialities and yearly rousing people from merely nominal membership to some sort of active coöperation in the life & work of the church. This Parish Meeting is our annual family gathering when we honestly face how little of our time and thought and effort and means we are giving to the service of God, in proportion to our ability.

2. Some of us have even been giving grudgingly of what costs us nothing, and then patting ourselves on the back. We must once a year face the fact that this Church is not (made up of) a little handful of willing people but of each one of them. 500 of us on the list of communicants. If each one would pull his own weight and feel his responsibility for some little share in the work, no one would ever be overburdened, and what a transformation there would be!

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About a dozen ladies have already volunteered to go out as visitors in the Every-Member Canvass. We want still more to come forward, particularly the men who themselves should be the ones to visit and interest men. Let ~~us~~ those of us who go out as canvassers do our work thoroughly

3/ and effectively, not leaving blank cards behind us, but turning in a positive report for each one visited. And when we are called upon ourselves, let us help by a prompt and generous response on our part –

Will any who are not doing all that they might, volunteer now to lend their assistance in this or any other phase of the work; ~~bring their~~

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Bst Mrs Weisgerber & Mr. Sheppard
at door to receive pledges.

Sunday School HMW.

Christ Church School has completed a year of good work and, (in spite of feeling the loss of its able Superintendent, Mr. Ogle), is entering with real impetus and zeal upon the work of another season.

Several excellent new teachers have filled the places of one and another called away, and additional classes have been formed as the need has arisen. One crying need exists,—a leader to teach and hold the fine group of older boys who are scattering for lack of a man to take charge of the class. The attendance has been excellent and a tribute to our teachers. In the early Fall the seating capacity was so taxed as to make necessary a new supply of chairs. Even now we feel that the swelled attendance is not solely attributable to the usual significant pre-Christmas rush to our ranks!

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At the Fall meeting of the Teachers, Miss Lily Cheston, of Chestnut Hill, spoke on the work of the Church School Service League, the report for the parish branch of which will follow. A Christmas pantomime pageant is being prepared by the Senior School to be given at the annual Christmas Festival.

In June, the Sunday School gave a Strawberry Festival on the roof of the Neighborhood House, which served both as a "housewarming" for the newly-completed building and a means of adding to the building fund. It was a delightful occasion and resulted in enabling the Sunday School to contribute the sum of \$200.00 towards the finishing of the Neighborhood House.

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3/. children amounted to over \$800.00 This, with the exception of a small amount kept as a balance, was all sent to the Mission fields and \$50.00 to the Smyrna Refugees. The children of Christ Church have thus shared in forwarding the work of the Church in: Virginia, Brazil, Yankton, Mexico City, Alaska, Kyoto, Siberia, and the Near East.

We hope that some of the young men of the Parish will see the opportunity and the need for their coöperation in this department of the work of the parish and volunteer to assist in one capacity or another at least until the arrival of a new Superintendent.

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Four or five new members have identified themselves with us most helpfully, and are now serving in various official capacities.

Through the initiative of Mrs. Gill, the ladies of the parish had the privilege of hearing Mrs. Patterson speak to them in a series of talks on "the Practice of the Presence of God".

The outstanding work of the Council as a unit during the year, has been the launching of various enterprises to raise the necessary funds for completing the Neighborhood House. Mrs. Wm. Penn Smith Hall with Mrs. Duer & Mrs. Arnett from outside the parish, formed a Committee on a Musicale & Garden Fête which was held, through the kindness of Mrs. Geo. Woodward, at her place in Chestnut Hill on the eleventh of May. The proceeds from this amounted to 853.50 (?) Mrs Hall also secured from her chapter of the Soc. of Col. Dames another sum of $300. Mrs. Walter Hopkinson with the assistance of Miss Bradford, and the generous loan on the part of Mrs. Geo. Fales Baker of her house & grounds in Rosemont, arranged a Musical Tea on June 6th, thereby clearing 350.00, $100.00 of which was secured by Mrs T. Hewson Bradford. On June 13, the Church School, under the leadership of Miss Moritz, held a Strawberry Festival on the roof of the newly-completed Neighborhood House. This entertainment was notable as an informal opening of the building, and brought in 175.00 (?) Mrs. Alexander B. Coxe approached the patriotic societies and secured contributions amounting to —.

Mrs. Sheppard and Mrs Petzinger gave entertainments and Miss Coles, Mrs. Sullivan, ~~and~~ Miss Abbott and Mrs. Alex B Coxe and Mrs. Chas. E. Coxe, made contributions, as did the following: (see Mrs Newbolds list) - As a result of these splendid achievements, the Vestry decided to

The various parish organizations, centralized in the Council, have done splendid work during the year, and are submitting their separate reports.

During the past twelvemonth the Council has ~~lost~~, in the death of Mrs. Belfield, lost one of its most able and devoted members.

A stated meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, October 17th, at 10:30 a.m., in the Neighborhood House. The rector opened the meeting with prayer. He then reported the receipt of a letter from Mrs. Smith, stating her inability, owing to illness and removal from the city, to serve as President of the Council throughout the coming winter. The rector made a statement concerning the work being done on the Neighborhood House. The third floor is now in process of construction, and should be completed exteriorly by November 1st. $5,000 is yet to be raised on this contract, before interior furnishing is begun. The rector then called the attention of the ladies to the fact that the three-year period of Nation-Wide-Campaign pledges comes to a close this fall, and that a new canvass of the parish should be made. ~~This~~ He urged a general parish meeting about the middle of November, at which each organization in the parish should submit a report together with its program for the future. As the 3rd floor of the Neighborhood House was to be completed by that time, it would be an opportunity for inviting the public to inspect the building

and become acquainted with the work.
The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. It was moved and seconded that $100 be appropriated towards the completion of the Neighborhood House. The motion was carried.
The matter of Mrs. Smith's withdrawal was considered. It was moved, seconded and carried that a note be sent her expressing our deep regret at her enforced absence for the winter and our hope that she may find it possible to associate herself with us again another year. Mrs. Gill was then asked to serve as temporary chairman until formal elections could be held.
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Council arrange for a parish meeting to be held about November 15th, Mrs. Gill appointing a Committee on Arrangements which should meet after the morning service on All Saints Day, to formulate plans.
The matter of the parish canvass was discussed. It was decided to attempt

a house-to-house canvass early in November. Miss Moritz and Miss Ashton were appointed to revise the lists of communicants used last year.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

(Signed)

Henrietta M. Washburn

(Secretary pro tem)

Send $2.50 to Mrs Carpenter, as remainder of Council appropriation to Periodical Com.

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Mrs. Gill read a letter from Mrs. Smith, saying that her removal from the city would make it necessary for her to permanently sever her connection with the Council. Mrs. Gill then read a minute of appreciation of the rector's fifteen years' of service at Christ Church. It was decided to postpone the contemplated parish meeting until the second week in December, at which time the committees previously appointed would serve.

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Dear Henrietta –

I hope this will supply the "missing link" in the minutes. It may not be quite as smooth as that which was lost, but will do. I think.

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R. E. Gill

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R. E. Gill.
(For the committee)

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the 225th anniversary, as a memorial to Bishop Compton. He urged the Council to consider the matter and come to a decision as to how the money could most fittingly be used.

Miss Cowell made a report of the work of the Girls' Friendly Society. As a result of her statement it was voted to appropriate $10.00 monthly to the maintenance of the Kitchen Garden during the coming year.

Mrs. Horace Carpenter spoke for the Periodical Club, and asked for more magazines and periodicals for distribution. She reported that Mrs. Kempton is desirous of raising a fund to enable the Club to send Christmas remembrances to the children in the rural districts, to whose families periodicals are sent. The Council voted $5.00 to Mrs. Carpenter towards this end. It was suggested that ~~a room in the Neighborhood House~~ the Tower Room be equipped with periodicals, ~~for~~ used as a Reading Room. ~~Miss Coles~~

Miss Blakiston reported larger attendance for the Mothers' Meeting this Fall than ever before.

Mrs. Gill reported that the Dorcas Society clothed 32 children this year. Mrs. Belfield,

Mrs. Sheppard, and Miss Cowell have coöperated most helpfully in the work.

It was announced that Miss Coles succeeds Mrs. Washburn as a member of the Female Episcopal Benevolent Society, representing Christ Church.

Mrs. Gill made a request that the appropriation to the Parish Council from the Nation Wide Campaign funds be increased in the coming year. Miss Coles, as treasurer, was asked to prepare a budget, showing the needs of the Council for the coming year, the heads of the various organizations, and the chairmen of committees, forwarding their individual budgets to her. Miss Coles urged that more attention be given to the upkeep of Christ Church proper. The Neighborhood House Committee was asked to supervise the weekly cleaning of the church building. New members are needed for this committee, at present composed of Miss Coles, Mrs. Ormerod, Mrs. Newbold & Mrs. Staty. It was voted that the House Committee, in conjunction with the G.F.S. Committee, be given power to act in the matter of providing a curtain for the wash-room in the Neighborhood House.

~~A note of~~ Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

Signed, Henrietta M. Washburn (Sec. pro tem)

A regular meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, December 19th, in the Neighborhood House. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Gill read the budget for 1923 as prepared by the Treasurer. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Council request the Vestry for an appropriation of $500.00 for the work of the Council during 1923.

Mrs. Bellak reported for her large share in the parish canvass. She urged publicity as a means of interesting nominal members in the enterprises of the church. A vote of thanks was given to Miss Esther Ashton ~~for~~ and her committee for the excellent canvass just completed. As many of the promised pledges have not yet been received it was suggested that there be some follow-up work after Christmas.

Miss Bradford reported for the Altar Guild, that since flowers were now promised for every Sunday in the year, the Altar Guild asks for an appropriation of not more than $50.00 for 1923.

\$25.00 for laundry, and \$25.00 for new linens.
The Auxiliary asked for the sum of \$300.00 for the work of the coming year.
Miss Cowell reported the Girls Friendly Society busy filling Christmas stockings for the children at Blockley. The estimated budget of the G.F.S. for 1923 is \$250.00.
Mrs. Ormerod read the report of the Periodical Club, and submitted its request for \$10.00 for its expenses in the new year.
Mrs. Bellak and Mrs. Sheppard were appointed a committee on publicity. Miss Helen Washburn was asked to investigate the cost of printing the annual budget for distribution.
Various bills for the expenses in connection with the parish meeting were submitted and payment authorized by the Council. A bill of \$26.00 for 4 dozen new cups and saucers purchased for use in the Neighborhood House was covered by a gift of Miss Coles of that amount, and a bill of \$1.25 for extra china rented for the occasion was ordered paid out of the Council Treasury.
The meeting ordered that Mrs. Newbold be

reimbursed from the Council Treasury for the bills for refreshments paid by her –

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned –

(Signed)

Henrietta M. Washburn (Sec. pro tem) –

Jan. 1923 A regular meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, January 16th, in the Neighborhood House. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Gill made a request, in the absence of the chairman of the Periodical Club committee, for contributions of magazines and periodicals for distribution by the committee. The rector reported that the Vestry had passed the budget for 1923, with amounts as requested by the various organizations. Mrs. Gill reported, in the absence of the Treasurer, a balance on hand of $425.23 on January 1st. Miss Bradford spoke of numerous requests that the church be kept open to visitors on Saturdays, and the sense of the meeting was that visitors might be admitted then without suspending the cleaning of the church on that day. The rector reported an offer of ten tons of coal from a friend, for those in need of it, and the offer proved most timely owing to the inability of the F.E.B. to get coal delivered to their beneficiaries. The united regret of the Council was expressed at the contemplated absence in Europe of Miss

Harriet and Miss Esther Ashton, and a motion was made and carried expressing the Council's appreciation of their ever-faithful services in the parish.

The rector reported only 89 pledges signed and returned for 1923, as a result of the parish canvass. It was urged that the canvassers make another effort to gather in the full number of pledge cards distributed.

The rector reported on the progress of the construction work at the Neighborhood House. The builders promise to have the permanent floor of the new third story laid, and the exterior of the same completed, within ten days. The $5000 due on the contract is still to be ~~completed~~ secured, and funds for the interior finishing will be needed in addition. Any effort on the part of the ladies to raise money will be cordially appreciated by the vestry and all concerned. The rector urged the Council to consider how the 2nd floor is to be furnished. Miss Bradford reported that Mrs. Frederick English will

act as a centralized purchasing agent for parishes desiring to buy furnishings of various sorts at low rates.

Dr. Washburn reported progress on the renovation of the exterior of the church building proper, money for which is in hand.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) Henrietta M. Washburn.
(Secretary pro tem).

Feb. 1923. A regular meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Neighborhood House, Tuesday morning February 20th. Mrs. Gill presided and the following ladies were present: Miss Harriet Ashton, Miss Esther Ashton, Mrs. Gill, Miss Coles, Miss Abbott, Mrs. Bradford, Miss Bradford, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Ormerod, Mrs. DaCosta, Mrs. Sheppard, Miss Cowell, Mrs. Weisgerber, Mrs. Newbold, Mrs. Amonson, Mrs. Bellak, and Miss Helen Washburn.

Miss Coles submitted the Treasurer's Report from Jan. 1st 1922 to Feb. 20th 1923, as follows:

Received from Accounting Warden.		$500.00
Balance on hand Jan. 1st 1922.		276.8[illegible]
Gift from Miss Coles towards reception		20.00
		$796.8[illegible]
To Woman helper, Jan. to June.	$102.77	
Purchase of Dumb Waiter	34.50	
Shades, 2nd floor Neighborhood House.	75.00	
Altar Flowers (Miss Meredith)	3.00	
Special Appeal Woman's Auxiliary Texas	1.00	
Chairs, Neighborhood House.	42.00	
Kitchen Garden	35.00	
Printing Post Card Notices of Meetings	9.00	
Church Periodical Club	5.00	
Guilfus for plates, spoons etc. Parish Reception	5.86	
Edwards China Co. dishes. " "	21.25	
Coffee, cream, cake, Ice Cream " "	27.03	
George Craig, flowers	3.00	

Victor Clad. Fawcett for Coffee Urn	$7.00	$796.84
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Balance on hand January 1st 1923.		425.43
January + February rec'd from Budget		100.00
		525.43
Paid January, Kitchen Garden		10.00
On hand February 20th 1923.		$515.43

Upon motion the report was accepted. Miss Coles reported also that outstanding pledges of the Council amounted to about $235.00.

Miss Cowell told of a meeting, which has been arranged through Miss Avery, which will be held at the Neighborhood House on Tuesday evening, March 13th at 8 p.m.. An address will be made on the subject of the Foreign Born. This meeting is to take the place of a regular Mission Study Class, and all the ladies are urged to come and bring others.

Mrs. Gill gave an enthusiastic report of a visit she made to the Kitchen Garden Class. She also told of having had mimeographed copies of the reports which were read at the Parish Reception in November, sent to a selected list of 90 people in an effort to interest them in the organized work of the Parish. It was moved and seconded that the bill for mimeographing the reports be paid.

Mrs. Gill asked the ladies to come to a Special Meeting of the Council to be held at some one of their homes, for

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to consider plans for helping to raise money for the equipp
of the 3rd floor of the Neighborhood House. Mrs. DaCosta offer
her house, and her offer was accepted. The meeting was call
for Tuesday, March 6th at 11 a.m..

Miss Bradford reported for the Altar Guild. Miss Morriso
has drawn designs for a Pall, which will cost not less than $15
$105.50 was given by St. Peter's Church, for a Memorial to Bishop Compt
and upon motion it was decided to add to that sum from
Council Treasury, a sum sufficient to purchase a handsome a
fitting Pall for the Church. A Committee was appointed consist
of Miss Bradford, Miss Coles, Miss Abbott and Miss Helen Washburn.
was moved and seconded that they should be allowed to spe
up to $200.00, and that if they felt it necessary to spend more t
that they should make their report to the next meeting.

Mrs. Carpenter speaking for the Church Periodical Club, asked
an Annual Appropriation of $15.00 for the work of the Club, $
of which must go for annual dues to the General Office.
was so ordered.

Mrs. Ormerod submitted estimates for the screen for the
toilet room in the Neighborhood House. After discussion it
decided to order one of Sheet Rock costing $20.00.

Mrs. Sheppard reported placing Church advertisement
in the Bulletin. It was suggested that she confer wit
other publicity sources in the Parish.

The Rector told of two institutions in which the

ladies might prove useful. One being among the nurses at the Episcopal Hospital where there is a real need. He suggested asking the Head Nurse to address the Diocesan Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and present her program. The other being at Christ Church Hospital, where a group of Christ Church ladies in combination with some from St. Peter's might take a tactful interest and lend assistance among the women resident there.

The Rector asked the ladies to look through the new upper floor of the Neighborhood House, with a view to learning its needs; and with him as guide they adjourned upstairs.

Helen C. Washburn.
Secretary pro tem.

March 1923 A Special meeting of the Ladies of the Parish Counci[l]
was held on Tuesday morning March 6th at the home [of]
Mrs. DaCosta. Those present were: Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Sulliva[n]
Mrs. Bellak, Mrs. DaCosta, Miss Esther Ashton, Miss Abbot[t]
Mrs. Ormerod, Miss Helen Washburn and three new mem[bers]
– Mrs. Bumm, Mrs. Hesser and Mrs. Petzinger. Mrs. D[aCosta]
presided. After welcoming the new members, Mrs. D[aCosta]
reported that in conferring with the Rector, he had
submitted two propositions for the consideratio[n]
of the ladies, as to objects for which they should ra[ise]
money towards the completion of the Neighborhood H[ouse]
i.e. the 2nd floor Assembly Room could be plastered a[nd]
furnished, or the 3rd floor equipped with heat, lig[ht]
and plumbing. Dr. Washburn advised plastering [and]
furnishing the 2nd floor first, if the ladies felt so d[isposed.]
It was decided to do as Dr. Washburn suggested, b[ut]
to try for more than $1000, – probably for $2000.00 Aft[er a]
lengthy discussion as to ways and means, it wa[s]
moved by Mrs. Ormerod and seconded by Mrs. Bumm[,]
that a concerted effort of the ladies be authorized,
that some form of an entertainment be attempt[ed.]
The motion was carried unanimously. The Colonia[l]
Dames Building on Latimer Street was suggested a[s]
a possible place in which to hold an entertainme[nt]
but it was decided first to try to hold it in the
country, if the ladies could secure the loan of a lo[...]

place for the occasion. It was decided to make no further plans at this time, but to bring the matter up at the next regular meeting of the Council, and give the Chairman an opportunity to confer further with the Rector.

Mrs. Gill told the ladies of the presence in the city of Mrs. Patterson, who is giving a series of talks on Personal Religion at various Churches, and asked them to say whether they would care to invite Mrs. Patterson to come to Christ Church. The ladies were united in wanting her to come, and agreed on five morning meetings at the noon hour, during the second week in April, (April 9th to 13th inclusive), that being a convenient date for Mrs. Patterson. Mrs. Gill said that a silver offering would be taken, but that no other financial obligation would be incurred.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Helen C. Washburn.
Secretary pro tem.

March 1923 A regular meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Neighborhood House, Tuesday morning March 20th. Mrs. Gill presided and the following ladies were present: Mrs. Bradford, Miss Bradford, Mrs. Ormerod, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Newbold, Mrs. Letzinger, Mrs. Da Costa, Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Harriet Ashton, Miss Esther Ashton, Miss Cowell and Miss Helen Washburn.

The minutes of the past two meetings were read and approved. In the absence of the Treasurer, Miss Moritz submitted the financial statement, which was accepted. It follows:

Received			Paid	
Jan. 1st 1923.	Balance on hand	$425.43	Kitchen Garden	10.
" " "	Received	50.	Altar Flowers	3.
Feb. 1 "	"	50	Multigraphing	9.75
Mar. 1 "	"	50.	C.P.C.	15.
		575.43	Forward N.-H. Completion	100.
				137.75
			Balance on hand	437.68
				575.43

The Rector told the ladies that Mrs. Martin had invited the Head Nurse of the Episcopal Hospital to speak to the Domestic Committee of the Diocese at its next meeting on April 4th and urged any who could, to go and hear her. He also asked the ladies to remember the nurses at the

Hospital with tickets to Concerts, Entertainments, Etc.

Dr. Washburn then announced that the Vestry in its last meeting had decided to ask that the Easter Offering be given for the purpose of raising the $2000. still due on the contract on the 3rd floor. He advised the Parish Council to raise whatever possible toward furnishing and finishing the 2nd floor, and said that a considerable sum would be needed not only for that purpose but for the immediately necessary repair work on the interior of the Church — the plaster is falling and must be renewed, and after that is done the interior will need re-fitting: i.e. seats re-upholstered, etc.. The ladies are asked to help with suggestions for this work. The Rector then reminded the ladies that all this and other Church work, has the one object of deepening religion in the Parish. Confirmation is soon to be administered, and as it is the first concern of all Church Members, the ladies were asked to carry it in their minds and to help wherever possible.

It was moved and seconded that the regular reports of Committees be held over until the next regular meeting, to allow the Council to discuss plans for the Entertainment. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Gill asked Mrs. Getzinger to serve on the

Womans Committee of the Northern Convocation, and referred her to Miss Bradford for further information. Mrs. Getzinger accepted the appointment.

Mrs. Gill asked that a nominating Committee be appointed to bring in a ticket for the Annual Election of Officers at the May Meeting. It was so ordered.

A request was presented from Mr. Ogle for a volunteer to teach the Womans Bible Class of the Church School, replacing Miss Ashton who is sailing for Europe. Mrs. Ormerod volunteered, Mrs. Gill promising to substitute if needed.

Mrs. Ormerod reported that owing to a change in plan, the purchase of a Screen for the toilet room had been indefinitely postponed.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the Council on April 3rd at 11 a.m. at the Rector's residence, to further plans for the Entertainment.

Mrs. Gill reported that the G.F.S., Men's Club, and Church School, had all promised to do what they could towards raising money for the finishing of the Neighborhood House.

After considerable discussion, it was moved and seconded that the entertainment be held during the 3rd week in May. Mrs. Woodward's place in Chestnut Hill was voted the most charming and desirable if it

could be secured. Miss Bradford offered to approach Mrs. Woodward. Mrs. Gill offered the Overbrook Golf Club if Miss Bradford was not successful.

The ladies were asked to make a real effort to bring their friends to the Special Meeting on April 3rd, and also to bring lists of names of possible Patronesses for the Entertainment.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

Helen C. Washburn

Secretary pro tem.

April 1923
Special

A special meeting of the ladies of the Parish Council was held at 2030 De Lancey Place on Tuesday morning April 3rd with Mrs. Gill in the Chair. The following ladies were present: Mrs. Bradford, Miss Bradford, Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Hopkinson, Mrs. Gill, Miss Childs, Miss Esther Ashton, Mrs. Hall, Miss Coles, Mrs. Hesser, Mrs. Ormerod, Miss Abbott, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Hoffer, Mrs. Getzinger, Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Henrietta Washburn, Miss Helen Washburn, and from outside the Parish — Mrs. S. Naudain Duer, and Mrs. W. W. Arnett.

The meeting was called for the purpose of furthering plans for the Entertainment. Discussion on the subject revealed the fact that all of the ladies were not enthusiastically back of the Entertainment project, so upon motion the subject was re-opened. After further consideration and upon the unanimous vote of those present it was decided that each member should make herself personally responsible for raising a certain sum of money; that she should associate with herself a committee, preferably from outside the Council group; and that these Committees should raise their quota in whatever manner they thought best. Two methods suggested were: a) by personal canvassing and b.) by Entertainment. Those ladies expressing themselves definitely in

favor of canvassing were: Mrs. Bradford, Miss Abbott, Mrs. Ormerod, Miss Coles and Mrs. Hesser. Those in favor of an entertainment were: Mrs. Letzinger, Mrs. Hopkinson, and Mrs. Hall. Mrs. Arnett and Mrs. Dyer promised to assist Mrs. Hall on her Committee.

It was urged that some literature on the subject of Neighborhood House needs and opportunities be immediately prepared for use in canvassing, and the matter was referred to Miss Henrietta Washburn.

Mrs. Gill reminded the ladies of Mrs. Patterson's approaching Class at the Church, and urged all to attend and to bring others.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Helen C. Washburn
Secretary pro tem.

April 17
1923

A regular meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Neighborhood House, Tuesday morning, April 17. Mrs. Gill presided, and the following ladies were present: Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Stotz, Mrs. Hoffer, Miss Coles, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Sheppard, Miss Childs, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Bradford, Miss Cowell, Miss Moritz, Miss Helen Washburn.

The minutes of the two preceding meetings were read and approved.

Miss Coles submitted the following financial report, which was accepted:

Rec'd.		Paid.	
Bal. Mar. 20.	437.68	Kitchen garden, Feb.	$10
Apr. 1. monthly appropriation.	50.00	Kitchen garden, Mar.	10
	487.68		$20
		Bal. on hand April 17	467.68
			487.68

Miss Coles reported progress on the effort to secure a pall for the church, but said that nothing definite could be reported until the next meeting. Miss Cowell told of the continuing good work of the Kitchen Garden, and stated her desire to keep it running until the middle of May.

Mrs. Carpenter gave an excellent report for the Church Periodical Club, which follows:—

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It was announced that the Easter Sunday Offering had fallen about $200 short of the 2000 was asked for. The suggestion was made that in order to complete the sum, the Parish Council should give the $200 from its Treasury. After discussion it was decided to leave the matter over until the next meeting

Mrs. Gill told the ladies that the Misses Ashton are sailing for Europe within the next two weeks, to be gone for some months. It was moved and seconded that the Sec. pro tem be instructed to write a letter to them both, expressing appreciation for their work in the Parish, and to send it together with some Spring flowers, in the name of the Council. Miss Coles undertook to purchase and send the flowers, and was authorized to spend up to $5.00

Mrs. Hall reported for her Committee which is raising money for the Neighborhood House They have decided to have an entertainment on Fri. May 11th at 3 p.m. Mrs. Arnett approached Mrs. Woodward, asking her for the loan of her place in Chestnut Hill. Mrs. Woodward very kindly consented. The committee has secured musicians, Mrs. Pope Yeatman has offered to send buses to meet the trains, and the programs are ready for printing. Mrs. Hall also read to the ladies a poem which she composed, to be used as part of their publicity. The ladies greeted it with great enthusiasm, and all asked for copies. Miss Moritz offered to copy it so that all should have one.

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Mrs. Hesser sent in a report on her Canvassing. She has received her first contribution and will continue to approach others whom she may be able to interest.

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Helen C. Washburn.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Helen C. Washburn.
(Sec. pro tem) -

May 15 1923. A regular meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Neighborhood House, on Tuesday, May 15 1923. Mrs. Gill presided. Those present were: Mrs. Bradford, Miss Bradford, Miss Childs, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Hoffer, Miss Cowell, Miss Helen Washburn, and Miss Henrietta Washburn. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. The report submitted by the Treasurer told of a balance in hand of $507.68. The Rector advised dropping the matter of adding to the Easter Offering out of the Council treasury, as the ladies are so splendidly increasing the fund for the completion of the Neighborhood House, in other ways.

The Rector told the ladies that the church proper would have to be closed during the summer for repairs, and asked their coöperation in fitting up as a temporary chapel the large assembly room in the Neighborhood House. He also asked the ladies to consider their preferences for the tinting of the interior of the church.

The Committee on the Musicale and Garden Party of May 11th, reported receipts of $994 to date, with expenses of $200. Mrs. Hall reported $300 as result of the Colonial Dames card party. Mrs. Getzinger, Mrs. Coxe, Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Carpenter, and

Mrs. Bradford, reported progress in the matter of securing contributions. Mrs. Walter Hopkinson reported, through Miss Bradford, that she is arranging for an entertainment on June 6th, Mrs. Geo. Fales Baker, of Rosemont, having generously offered to loan her place and provide tea. Miss Moritz announced that the Sunday School was planning a Strawberry Festival to be given on June 13th on the roof of the Neighborhood House itself. In view of all these reports, the ladies felt that $1500 at least might be counted upon for plastering the second floor of the Neighborhood House during the summer.

In the absence of Miss Coles, and a definite report on the matter of a pall, it was the sense of the meeting to let the matter lie over until the Fall.

$10.00 was voted to the Altar Guild for summer expenses, and an appropriation of $50 was promised as an annual appropriation –

It was decided to postpone annual election of officers until October – Mrs. Gill appointed Miss Bradford and Miss Helen

Washburn a Committee on Nominations, to submit names before the October meeting - It was voted that $1200 be appropriated out of the treasury for the Neighborhood House fund. Miss Helen Washburn was authorized to pay a bill of $5.00 for Flowers (sent to the Misses Ashton) - The Council asked Mrs. Gill to write to Mrs. Arnett, Mrs. Duer, and Mrs. Hall, expressing their great appreciation of the Garden Fete which they managed at Mrs. Woodward's, and of the splendid results attained -

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

H. M. Washburn - (Sec. pro tem)

October 1923.

The opening meeting of the Parish Council was held on October 16th, at the Neighborhood House. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. Those present were: Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Bradford, Miss Bradford, Miss Childs, Mrs. Weisgerber, Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Lewars, Mrs. Newbold, Miss Cowell, Miss Washburn, and Miss Helen Washburn. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected. The Treasurer reported $3,193.33 on hand for the Neighborhood House, $1,723.33 being in the hands of Mrs. Newbold, and $1,470 with Miss Moritz. In the absence of Miss Coles, Miss Moritz reported a balance on hand in the treasury of $332.68 for current expenses, including the Council's October allotment.

Miss Childs reported for the Altar Guild that, due to additional expenses during the summer for equipping the temporary chapel, &c., the Altar Guild is in arrears $3.67.

Miss Helen Washburn submitted the following ballot of the Nominating Committee for officers of the Council for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Mrs. Gill. Recording Sec'y: Miss Washburn
Vice Chairman: Miss Coles. Treasurer: Mrs. Henry Newbold
Corresponding Sec'y: Mrs. DaCosta.

Action thereon was postponed until the next meeting, in view of the absence of some of the nominees.

A motion was made and unanimously carried that the Secretary record upon the minutes the Council's sense of great loss in the death of Mrs. Belfield, their faithful and devoted associate and fellow-worker.

Mrs. Pill submitted her resignation as chairman of the Dorcas Society. This was accepted with regret, and Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Sheppard agreed to take over the work.

~~The Secretary was asked to enter upon the Minutes the Council's deep sense of loss in the death of Mrs. Belfield, one of its most able and devoted members.~~

Action on the revision of the Constitution was postponed until the November meeting.

The Rector reported that the Vestry had, during the summer, assumed a debt of $8,000 for re-plastering the Church and installing a fire-sprinkler, for which there are practically no funds in hand. He also said that services would be resumed in the Church proper on November 21st.

The Rector urged consideration of the Nation-Wide Campaign, which begins in November. Personal visit

must again be made in order to reach the large group who are merely nominal members of the Church. The parish has more than met its apportionment, but its further coöperation is needed, as many others have fallen short. This, the Council was reminded, must not be allowed to interfere with the support of the work at Christ Church itself, and concentration upon the latter was urged for the next six months. $15,000 will be needed for obligations already assumed here. The interior finishing of the second floor of the Neighborhood House will be begun as soon as the gymnasium apparatus can be moved to the third floor.

Attention was called to the shortage of chairs in the Neighborhood House. Mrs. Newbold was appointed to investigate the most satisfactory type of chair for this purpose, and to report at the next meeting.

The Rector urged the ladies to keep in mind the annual Parish Meeting in November, and suggested that Mrs. Lucas's visit to the Missionary Society of Christ Church be combined with that meeting.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) H. W. Washburn, Sec'y.

Nov. 20, '23.

The November meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, November 20, in the Neighborhood House - Those present were: Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Bradford, Miss Bradford, Mrs. Sullivan, Miss Childs, Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Amonson, Mrs. Sewars, Mrs. Hoffer, Mrs. Da Costa, Miss Cowell, Mrs. Weisgerber, , Miss Washburn and Miss Helen Washburn.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Miss Helen Washburn submitted the following report: Balance on hand Nov. 1st = $432.68

Rec'd. from N.W.C. allotment (Nov & Dec) = 100.00

532.68

Completion of pledge to Altar Gld. - 34.00

$498.68.

Miss Bradford submitted samples for a Pall, and stated that about $150.00 more would have to be added to the sum of $120.00 given by St. Peter's Church, which is being used. Mrs. Bradford was asked to coöperate with Miss Coles and Miss Bradford in investigating the matter further and reporting at the December Meeting.

Mrs. Sheppard reported for the Dorcas Society that she and Mrs. Hall had met with the children who needed clothing, and were now in the midst of the work.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast one ballot for the election of Officers of the Council, as submitted by the Nominating Committee, with Mrs. Sullivan as Vice Chairman in the place of Miss Coles, who is to be absent from the city during the winter. The Secretary reported the ballot so cast, and the Officers were unanimously elected as follows: Chairman: Mrs Lill, Vice Chairman: Mrs. Sullivan, Treasurer: Mrs. Newbold, Corresponding Sec'y: Miss DaCosta, Recording Sec'y: Miss Washburn.

Miss Helen Washburn told of a box of Joyful and Useful Gifts sent by the Church School Service League of the Parish to the Indians of South Dakota.

Mrs. Carpenter reported five associate memberships of $1.00 each recently secured for the Periodical Club, and the purchase of $3.50 worth of 5¢-and-10¢-store articles for

The Rector called the attention of the meeting to the new bookcases installed in the Tower Room, and suggested that the room be used by the Periodical Club as a reading room and library. He urged the appointment of a Committee for this purpose.

Miss Childs reported a purchase

in the name of the Council of six dozen substantial folding chairs at a total cost of $216.00. The Council authorized the payment of this bill out of the treasury.

Miss Caswell spoke of the need of about five dozen more plates before the annual Thanksgiving dinner. Mrs. Weisgerber was authorized to make the purchase to match those already on hand.

Mrs. Gill appointed Mrs. Weisgerber chairman of the Housekeeping Committee to inspect and direct the housekeeping of the Neighborhood House, and authorized her to select helpers to serve with her from month to month.

The Constitution of the Parish Council was read as revised, providing for the election of officers every alternate year instead of annually. The Constitution was adopted as read. It was the sense of the meeting that vacancies occurring between elections should be filled by the Chair. The By-Laws were then read and adopted.

The Rector urged fresh enthusiasm and renewed effort in the annual roll-call of the parish and suggested the evening of December 4th as the date for a general parish meeting, at which reports from

the various organizations might be read. The Council was informed that the sum of $21,000 is asked of Christ Church this coming year for maintenance and forward work for Missions. The Ladies agreed that the Council budget would require an allotment of $500.00 from the Vestry for 1924.

A committee on the annual parish meeting was called for Friday, November 23rd at 4:30 p.m. at Mrs. DaCosta's house.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) H. M. Washburn (Secy) –

Dec. 18, '23.

A regular meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, December 18th, in the Neighborhood House. Those present were:- Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Bradford, Miss Bradford, Miss Childs, Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. DaCosta, Miss Cowell, Mrs. Stotz, Mrs. Newbold, Miss Blakiston, Mrs. Hoffer, Mrs. Weisgerber, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Falls, Miss Washburn & Miss Helen Washburn. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Miss Montz reported for the Treasurer that expenditures during the past month had totalled $37.13, $20.00 of which was paid for 5 doz. new plates, $10.90 for ice cream and $2.00 for the cake for the Parish Meeting, and $2.25 for flowers in memory of Miss Meredith. There being no receipts during the month the Council treasury shows a balance of $247.53, after deducting $216.00 for new chairs. A brief account of the Parish Meeting and of Mrs. Pancoast's talk was given, and Mrs. Hall and Miss Helen Washburn were appointed a committee to see that the reports of the organizations which were submitted at that meeting should be multigraphed and distributed throughout the parish.

Mrs. Weisgerber, as chairman of the Housekeeping

Committee, spoke of defective plumbing in the wash-room and was authorized to have it attended to. The Rector asked the Committee to confer with him about the architect's plans for the room before planning any extensive changes in it.

Mrs. Sheppard reported that forty-five children had been furnished with clothes by the Dorcas Society this Fall, she and Mrs. Hall having just completed the work.

The Rector invited the Periodical Club to confer with him about equipping the Tower Room as a library and reading room.

The twelve ladies present who had taken part in the annual canvass made individual reports of the calls they made and results obtained. As only 55 pledge cards have been filed in the office, the canvassers were urged to see that all pledges be sent in as soon as possible.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) Henrietta M. Washburn
Record'g Sec'y.

Jan. 15, ~~'23~~ '24.

A stated meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday morning, January 15th, in the Neighborhood House. Those present were: Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Bradford, Miss Bradford, Miss Childs, Mrs. Sheppard, Miss Cowell, Mrs. Weisgerber, Mrs. Hoffer, Mrs. Falls, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Hall and Miss Washburn.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Miss Moritz made a report for the Treasurer which was accepted, showing a balance of $247.53 in the Council's treasury. As the handling of the funds is no longer to be done through the office but by the treasurer herself, a check for this amount is being forwarded to Mrs. Newbold, treasurer.

Tickets for a Dutch Supper on February 7th, the proceeds of which are to go to the Neighborhood House building fund, are being sold by the Girls' Friendly at 35¢ each. Miss Cowell also reported an effort on foot to coördinate the G.F.S. candidates with the Church School Service League in the parish.

Since the last meeting, Mrs. Hall and Miss Helen Washburn had the annual reports of the parish organizations multigraphed and mailed to the members of the congregation not present at the annual meeting. The multigraphing was done by the Woodington Company, which did it practically

at cost. Owing to the length of the reports, the bill amounted to $16.00 and $1.84 for postage. The Council authorized payment of the bill.

The Housekeeping Committee presented a plumber's estimate for work to be done in the wash-room, involving the installation of a second toilet and the moving of the washstand, for $140.00. The Council authorized an expenditure of $175.00 if necessary, to include partitioning as well as plumbing. Mrs. Falls ~~and Mrs. Sheppard~~ offered to coöperate with Mrs. Weisgerber in securing further estimates, and to report at the next meeting.

Mrs. Carpenter made a plea for books to be sent through the Periodical Club to the Community Center at Morrisville, N. J. It was suggested that each lady bring at least one book for this purpose. Mrs. Carpenter reported the receipt of more books for the hospitals and also a sum of $10.00 which will be put towards the equipping of the Tower Room with periodicals, &c. The Council voted an appropriation of $15.00 to the Periodical Club for the coming year, with the promise of an additional $5.00 if it should prove necessary.

$50.00 was voted to the Altar Guild for the year -
Dr. Washburn reported 136 pledge cards received to date, and 160 sets of envelopes taken. He felt that the canvass had not been as resultful as in the previous year, and that it might be necessary to curtail certain expenditures -

The Rector suggested that another year the annual reports be published in booklet form with advertisements to cover cost.

In accordance with requests from the respective headquarters, Dr. Washburn appointed Mrs. Falls a delegate from this parish to the Y. W. C. A. League, and Mrs. Hall to the Penna. Committee on Penal Affairs.

It was announced that there would be a Mission Study Class in the parish during Lent if a sufficient number could arrange to attend it. Those present decided to invite others and report their success to the February meeting -

Miss Moritz gave advance notice of a Rummage Sale to be conducted by the Sunday School to swell the Lenten Offering. The ladies were asked to keep it in mind and contribute to it as they could -

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) Henrietta M. Washburn
(Sec'y) -

A. [illegible]

Nominating Committee — shall be by Chairman, + each committee two members —

A special meeting of the Executive Council [illegible] at Miss Coles's house on Dec. 4th to make arrangements for the series meetings in connection with the [illegible] the annual [illegible]. Those present were ~~[illegible]~~ Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. Lull, Miss Dutton, Mrs. Penfield, Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Driggs, Miss Cowell and Miss Helen Washburn.

Miss Coles asked for a discussion of the ~~Council~~ budget for 1923, and reported that the expenditures for 1922 had amounted to [illegible]

The sense of the meeting ~~that~~ that the [illegible] should make an appropriation of [illegible] the $75 $250, and that [illegible] amount over the [illegible] of the various [illegible] spend their [illegible] the [illegible]

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to ~~make arrangements for the ~~Annual~~ General parish meeting in connection with the~~ annual roll call. Those present were ~~Miss~~ Miss Coles, Mrs. Bell, Miss Ashton, Mrs. Belfield, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Esmerod, Mrs. Kriegsher, Miss Cowell and Miss Helen Washburn.

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The sense of the meeting ~~that~~ that the Auxiliary should have an appropriation of $300 if possible the G.F.S. $250, and the Altar Guild an increased amount over the previous year. The heads of the various organizations were urged to send their budgets to Miss Coles before the parish meeting. The matter of the

general parish meeting to be held on Dec. 12 in connection with the annual roll call was then discussed. The committees previously appointed by the chair were empowered to enlarge. ~~as they~~ It was suggested that Mrs. Weisgerber, as chairman of the committee on decorations, secure the members of the Men's Club to help decorate, and borrow from the Amer. Legion the bunting & flags for the occasion. The Hospitality Committee was authorized to order ~~refreshments~~ ice cream ~~cake & coffee~~ for 300 people, as an approximate 2/3 of the number invited. Mrs. Weisgerber was asked to purchase ~~the~~ paper plates, napkins & spoons and five dozen cups & saucers. She was also authorized to rent other cups & saucers for the occasion. It was decided to ask ~~the~~ members of the G.F.S. to serve the refreshments, and a number of the Mothers Meeting to make the coffee and wash the dishes. ~~The~~ following organizations were asked to prepare reports for the meeting:- The Vestry, the Council, the Auxiliary, the

Committees on the N.W.C.
Canvass, the Sunday School,
the $75, the Mothers Meeting,
the Altar Guild, the Dorcas
Society, the Men's Club
& the Periodical Club.
Upon motion, the meeting
adjourned.

Helen C. Washburne
Sec. pro tem.

V - President changed to Chairman
removed "two members to be appointed"
VI - change to read "Third Tuesday" of each month for regular meeting.
motion - annual meeting 1st Tues. in Dec. - or at call of rector as he may desire it.

Bey-laws -
omit all of Sec - I -
Sec - I "The Rector shall act as pres. of the Socilty" to read "The Chairman"
2. as is - changing Pres. to
3. as is. Chairman.
4. to read "The Treas. shall receive all moneys etc. changed to "she shall draw checks & pay bills approved by the Council."
5. as is - art. 1 -
(2) prepare a ticket to be presented ~~to the meeting for the election~~ of off.

Mrs. Gill. 1921

Miss Blakiston

Mrs DaCosta

Miss Childs

Mrs-Carpenter

Miss Bradford

Mrs-Sullivan

Mrs-Weisgerber

Helen Washburn

Recommend of Constitution to be voted on at November meeting -

I. - The name of this Society shall be changed to The ~~[illegible]~~ Parish Council of Christ Church.

II. Article 2 unchanged.

III. " " "

IV. ~~Substitute~~ Chairman for President throughout.

Elected by ballot every two years.

3. Election of officers take place every two years at the Annual Meeting

motion

~~Art. 2.~~

Nominating Committee ~~appointed~~ shall be appointed by Chairman & shall consist of two members -

Art. 4 -

omit.

Art 5.

Omit calling of roll.
rest as is.

Art. 6 -

~~recommendation that absentees pay fine. Conference~~

6 members constitute a quorum for transaction of business -

Art 7.

Change time 2 weeks. add "in writing".

Ticket for Annual Meeting.

Chairman

Mrs. Gill

Vice-Chairman

Miss Coles. not yet accepted.

Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Da Costa.

Recording Secretary.

Miss Washburn

Treasurer

Mrs. Henry A. Newbold.

2030 De Lancey Place,
Philadelphia.

My dear Mrs. Gill:-

Will you kindly express to our kind friends of the Parish Council our deep appreciation of their message of sympathy and of their beautiful tribute to Mother in the exquisite wreath which went with her to Rochester. She was so close to you all in

spoke of it, particularly during her long illness, when she was repeatedly touched by so many kindnesses. With assurance of our united appreciation, I am

Very Sincerely,

Henrietta M. Washburn.

November Eleventh.

spirit, even when she could not attend your meetings, and was so concerned to further your undertakings in any way she could. No group of people anywhere could have been more loyal and devoted than you of Christ Church, and she often

Musicale Tea June 6th 1923.

~~Tickets~~ -	161.00
Made from Cake.	67.78
Cleared above Exp. Candy	4.90
Donation Mrs. A. B. Coxe	15-00
	248.68
Extra ticket check	1.00
	249.68
Cash Mrs. Hopkinson	.32
	250.00
Collected Mrs. Bradford	100-00
	$ 350.00

~~total~~

(See inside)

Mrs. Richard Peters	50.00
Mrs. Edward Coates	5.00
Mrs. Frederick Thurston Mason	5.00
Mrs. Wm. Penn Troth	10.00
Miss Emily Whelen	10.00
Mrs. John Laning	5.00
Mrs. Bradford	15.00
	$100.00

Total Reciepts fr Tickets -	$ 267.00
Total Expenses	106.58
Balance	$ 160.42
Innes' bill - for Printing	63.50
Woodington's bill for Postage & addressing	32.58
Josephine McCulloh's accompaniment $10 fee - .50¢ Carfare	10.50
Total Expenses	$ 106.58
Net Reciepts fr Tickets	$ 161.00
approximate reciepts fr Cake Sale	49.00
" " fr Mrs. Bradford	90.00
Total Net Reciepts fr Benefit	$ 300.00
Gross Reciepts	400.00

Enclosed find check amounting to $161.00

m [illegible]

Mrs. Walter Waring Hopkinson

Benefit Christ Church Neighborhood House

$300.00

[illegible] total net returns

2122 De Lancey Place

Receipts from tickets	$16[illegible]
" " candy & cake	72.68
extra money	1.00
" " "	[illegible]
from [illegible]	18.00
[illegible]	[illegible]
	349.68
added by F. H. to make even	.32
Total Net Receipts	[illegible]